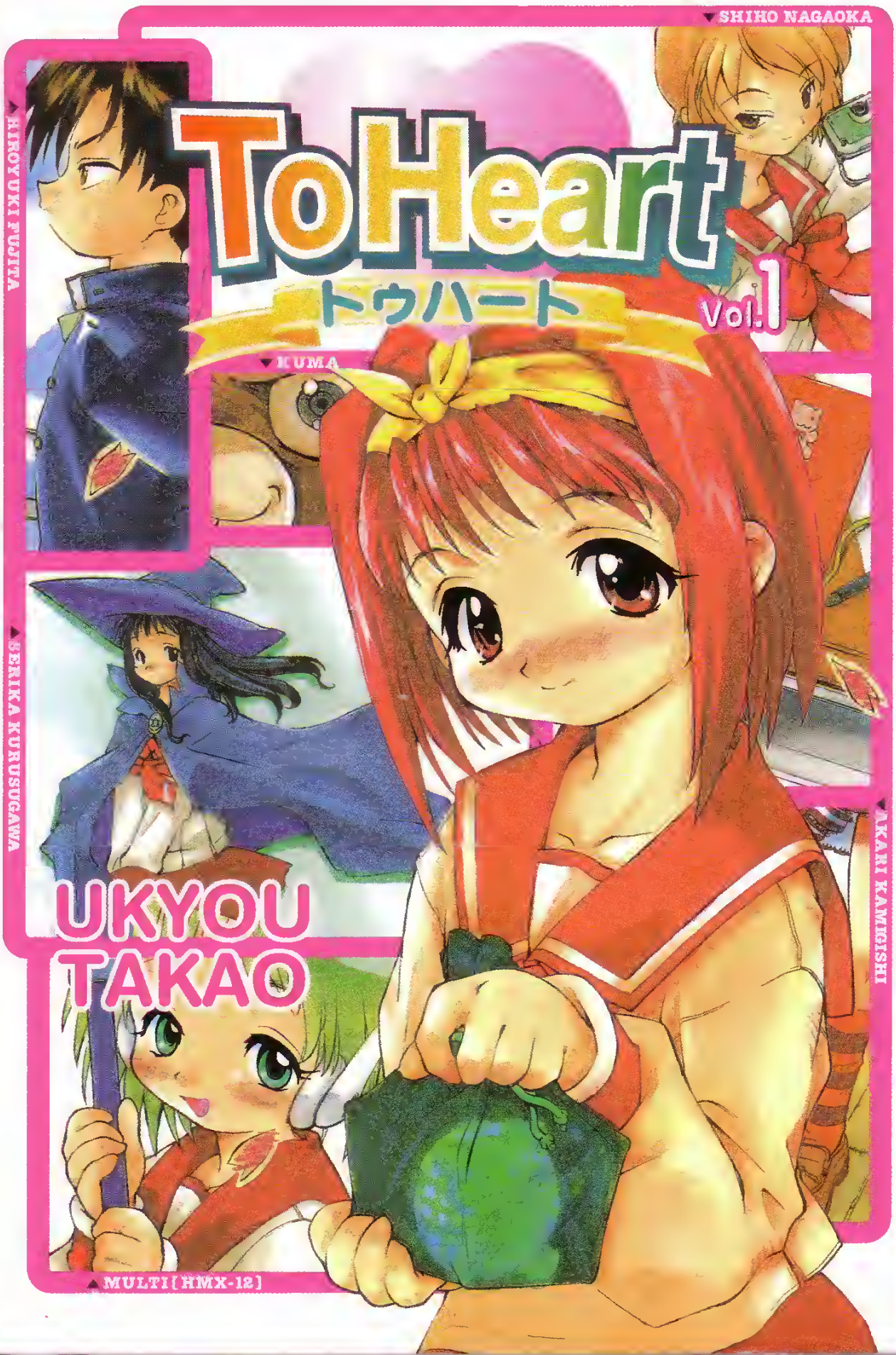
紫色の潔白

Purple Innocence

DO NOT REDISTRIBUTE OUTSIDE IRC WITHOUT PERMISSION.

I'LL BE WATCHING...

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE MANGAKA!!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HIROYUKI FUJITA
ToHeart
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Vol.1
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UKYOU
TAKAO
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To Heart 1

Story 1
"Cherry Blossom Time"
~ Akari Kamigishi I ~

AAAAAH!
Roll! Roll!
BAM!
Flinch
crash Bang Boom
silence
Ouch...
NO... I MEAN, ARE YOU OKAY?
wave
wave
wave
H... HIROYUKI-CHAN! GOOD MORNING.
'MORNING!
WHAT UP, AKARI?
flip!

HELLO? IS ANYONE...
CLICK
SILENCE
IN?
HIROYUKI-CHAN!
HIROYUKI-CHAN!!

FINE. I GUESS I CAN SLOW DOWN FOR YOU.
HUFF
WE ALREADY MADE IT TO THE PARK. I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE LATE FOR CLASS
I MAY HAVE TO DO STUFF AROUND THE HOUSE ON MY OWN...
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M LONELY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DON'T EVEN LOCK YOUR FRONT DOOR. YOU NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL!
I KNOW IT MUST BE HARD WITH YOUR MOTHER GONE AND EVERYTHING AREN'T YOU KIND OF LONELY?
STOP CALLING ME "HIROYUKI-CHAN"! I BET THE WHOLE DAMN NEIGHBORHOOD HEARD YOU EARLIER GEEZ!
AND ANOTHER THING,
BUT...
I'M A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, SO DON'T CALL ME LIKE I'M A KID OR SOMETHING!
HEY, AKARI! HURRY UP!!
HUFF
HUFF
LET ME CATCH MY BREATH...
COME ON, LET'S GET MOVING.
THP
SO, ANYWAY -
VEER
WHATEVER! YOU JUST NEED TO EXERCISE MORE OFTEN!
HUFF
HIRO... YUKI... CHAN. YOU RUN SO FAST!
HUFF
HUFF

RUSTLE
NO. IT'S DIFFERENT NOW.
ESPECIALLY HOW I FEEL...
OK, OK, HIRO-YUKI-CHAN.
YEAH BUT YOU HAVE TO STOP CALLING ME "HIROYUKI-CHAN" IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY!
noogie
noogie
HA HA. WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS AGAIN?
WELL, LIKE IT OR NOT, I GUESS WE'RE INSEPARABLE
UH, NO NOTHING
EH? DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
HM?

YOU, ME AND MASASHI HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN "HIROYUKI-CHAN" TO ME.
YOU MIGHT BE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NOW, BUT TO ME YOU'RE STILL MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND, MY "HIROYUKI-CHAN."
SKIP
WE HAVEN'T MATURED AT ALL FROM WHEN WE WERE KIDS, IS THAT IT?
twitch
SO YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT...

THIS IS SOME REALLY GREAT NEWS! I GOT A SNEAK PEEK AT THE JUNIOR ROSTER!
ME, YOU, MASASHI AND HIRO ARE ALL IN THE SAME CLASS!
HUH? REALLY ?!
NOW WHAT? ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR RUMOR-FILLED "NEWS FLASHES"?
OOMPH
WHACK
THE FOUR OF US, TOGETHER AGAIN! JUST LIKE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL. ISN'T THAT GREAT, HIROYUKI-CHAN?!
.....
HEY, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
90% OF WHAT SHE SAYS ARE LIES, SO DON'T GO GETTING YOUR HOPES UP!
RELAX, AKARI
I, UH, DON'T REALLY ...
Mmm?
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT, AKARI? NOW WE HAVE TO PUT UP WITH HIRO'S THEATRICS ALL DAY LONG, NOT JUST IN THE MORNING!

SHIHO NAGAOKA. SO YOU'RE HERE TOO, EH?
ACK!
WHOP!
WELL, IF IT ISN'T OUR FAVORITE LITTLE COUPLE! STILL GETTING ALONG?
shp
pat
ANYWAY, ONCE AGAIN I HAVE SOME JUICY TIDBITS FOR YOU!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BE LIKE THAT?
SHIHO'S NEWS FLASH!!
poink
whirl
IT'S WHAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR:
HEE HEE
WOOSH

BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
ぎゃあ
ぎゃあ
MASASHI-CHAN! HEY!

Snatch
DID YOU ALL HEAR ABOUT THE JUNIOR CLASS ROSTER?
I'LL PROVE THAT YOUR NEWS WAS PHONY!
HOW DARE YOU CALL IT PHONY!
ZOOM
DON'T MAKE ME SLAP YOU!
GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE!

HMM...

WHAT?!
SHOCK!!
SHIHO NAGAOKA, CLASS 2-A
WOW! CLASS 2-B!!
Urk
TOLD YOU!
Ahem!
AKARI KAMIGISHI, MASASHI SATO, HIROYUKI FUJITA
WAHAHAHAHA
なーはは!

OH, YEAH.
AREN'T YOU HAPPY THAT WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS?
HIROYUKI-CHAN.
HAVING YOU AND MASASHI AROUND WILL PROBABLY COME IN HANDY.

HEY, THIS IS IT!
2-B
MASASHI-CHAN...
YEAH, I KNOW
HE'S ACTING LIKE HE DOESN'T CARE, BUT DEEP DOWN, HE'S REALLY HAPPY...
.....

ARGH...
WOOZY
OH, SORRY. I TAKE IT BACK. I SHOULD'VE SAID YOUR NEWS WAS ALMOST TRUTHFUL THIS TIME.
HUG!!
GET TO BE IN THE SAME CLASS!
AAW, TOO BAD ONLY WE THREE BEST FRIENDS SINCE KINDERGARTEN...
ANYONE WHO BELONGS TO A DIFFERENT CLASS NEEDS TO JUST MOVE ALONG, PLEASE!
GRRRRRRR
BUT HOW COME ONLY SHIHO GOT LEFT OUT? POOR THING...
I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER NOW!
YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR THIS ONE DAY!!
OH, DON'T BE SILLY. SHE'LL BE FINE.
HER SEING IN THE NEXT CLASS OVER IS CLOSE ENOUGH FOR ME...
WA HA HA HA!
WAAAAAAH!!

IT MEANS YOU AND I ARE DESTINED TO BE TOGETHER!
HEE HEE!
THIS IS, LIKE, "A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN."
GOOD MORNING
YOU'RE... LEMMY MIYAUCHI, RIGHT?
HUH? OH, ANOTHER OF YOUR TRADEMARK PROVERBS?
Thanks.
Ha ha ha. You two are once again so short!
I HEAR YOU THREE HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE.
AKARI MASASHI HIROYUKI'S TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU!
SPIN
UH, NO
"THREE HEADS ARE BIGGER THAN ONE!"
IN OTHER WORDS

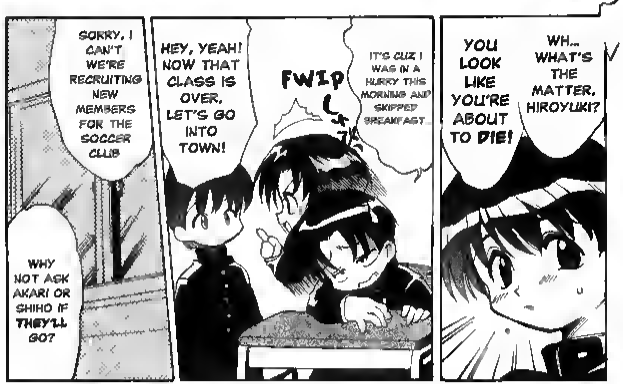
?!
bo-YOING!
THWOMP!
bounce bounce
HI... HIROYUKI -CHAN?!
Ta-daa!
Good morning!!
HI, HIROYUKI!
WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS AGAIN! HOW NICE!
YOU'RE HEAVY!
OH... WHAT'S UP, LEMMY?
shwip!

RATTLE
PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IF YOU WISH TO SPEND TIME WITH ME OUT IT?
BUH-BYE!
GRRRRR. SHIHO, YOU...
YOU GUESSED WRONG, MY SCHEDULE'S ALL FILLED UP!
WELL, WHO CAN SAY?
YEAH, THOSE TWO HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO FO ANYWAY
WHO HAS NOTHING BETTER TO DO?
WHOMP!

YEAH
MASASHI-CHAN, ARE YOU GOING TO SOCCER CLUB?
I GUESS I SHOULD GO, TOO
GOOD LUCK, AKARI!
HUH?
dump
ARGHHHHH!!

LET'S ALL DO OUR BEST THIS YEAR AND HAVE A GREAT CLASS! THAT'S ALL.
WELL, THAT WRAPS IT UP FOR TODAY.

UGH...


SORRY, I CAN'T WE'RE RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FOR THE SOCCER CLUB
WHY NOT ASK AKARI OR SHIHO IF THEY'LL GO?
HEY, YEAH! NOW THAT CLASS IS OVER, LET'S GO INTO TOWN!
FWIP
IT'S CUZ I WAS IN A HURRY THIS MORNING AND SKIPPED BREAKFAST
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO DIE!
WH... WHAT'S THE MATTER, HIROYUKI?

CHOMP
Munch Munch
CHOMP
Munch Munch
I'M LISTENING
COUGH HACK
YOU CAN SEE THE WHOLE CITY...
AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN LISTENING
I LOVE...
THE VIEW FROM UP HERE.
WHAT?
YOU HAVE RICE ON YOUR FACE
flo dump
STARE
ONE MORE THING, AKARI...
MAKE ME SOME ROLLED EGG NEXT TIME
O... OKAY. I WILL
THAT WAS GOOD
BURP
SLRRP
THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW NICE SPOTS IN OUR SCHOOL.

I WAS GOING TO GO HOME AND EAT BY MYSELF.
BUT THEN I THOUGHT WE COULD HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER...
ba-dump
HIROYUKI-CHAN, I BROUGHT LUNCH WITH ME TODAY.
ba-dump
YOU DON'T EAT BREAKFAST THAT OFTEN...
COME ON! LET'S EAT! LET'S EAT! LET'S EAT!
CALM DOWN, HIROYUKI-CHAN! WAIT!
SCAMPER
WHAT A LIFE-SAVER!
YOU'RE THE BEST, AKARI!!
rub
rub
Twitch

WAAAAAAH! WHO THE HECK IS THAT?
YUP. AND THERE'S A STRANGE WIND...
ゴゴゴゴ
FWWWOOO
THAT'S --
HEY, AKARI... DO YOU HEAR SOME SORT OF SPELL?
ゴゴゴゴ
OOOOSH

OH, NO!
Rustle
Rustle
carefully
WATCH OUT!
dash
MISS KURUSU-GAWA!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?! IF YOU CAN'T GET DOWN, YOU SHOULDN'T BE UP THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
GRAB

KURUSU-GAWA? IS SHE FAMOUS?
MISS KURUSU-GAWA, I THINK.
I THINK SHE'S IN THE OCCULT CLUB. AND IS INTO MAGIC AND STUFF.
WHAT THE HECK IS A GIRL LIKE HER DOING UP THERE, DRESSED LIKE THAT?!
YOU KNOW THE KURUSUGAWA GROUP. THAT BIG MANUFACTURING COMPANY? I HEARD SHE'S THE BOSS'S DAUGHTER!
OCCULT?!
O...
THEY EVEN DONATE TO OUR SCHOOL
SIGH

SEE YOU LATER!
SHE'S DROP-DEAD GORGEOUS, THOUGH IT'S LIKE, EVEN HER WEIRDNESS HAS CLASS.
YOU NEVER KNOW. THIS COULD BE ONE OF THOSE "FATEFUL ENCOUNTERS."
NOT REALLY.
HEY, AKARI DON'T YOU THINK SHE'S A LITTLE WEIRD?
YOU CAN BE HONEST. ANYONE WOULD THINK SHE'S WEIRD
I GUESS ...
I WISH I COULD RUN MY FINGERS THROUGH IT...
DID YOU SEE HER BEAUTIFUL HAIR? IT'S SO SHINY AND PERFECT
flip

nod
WHAT'S THAT? "THANK YOU SO MUCH?"
OH, IT'S NO PROBLEM. REALLY!

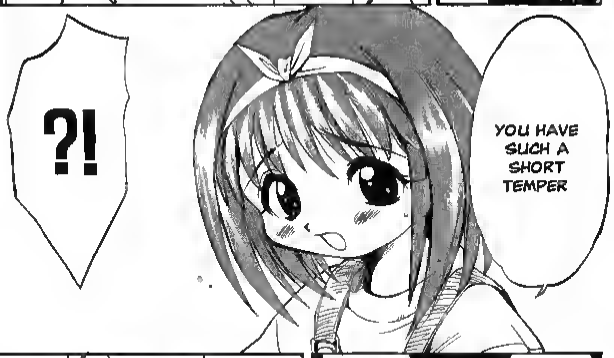
WELL, THAT OCCULT STUFF IS FINE AND ALL, BUT DON'T GO DOING ANYTHING DANGEROUS, OKAY?
WHAT? YOU'RE LEAVING?
bow

ba-dump
HUH?
GLANCE

HIROYUKI-CHAN...
IF YOU SAY SO, I'LL KEEP THIS HAIRSTYLE FOREVER!
SO LONG AS YOU LIKE IT...
HIROYUKI-CHAN, I HAVE AN IDEA!
WHY DON'T WE GO SEE THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS TONIGHT?
YOU KNOW, I STILL HAVEN'T SEEN THEM THIS YEAR
IF WE DON'T HURRY, THEY'LL BE GONE BEFORE WE KNOW IT
GEEZ, PUSHY MUCH? ALRIGHT!
WHY DON'T WE ASK SHIHO AND MASASHI-CHAN TO COME, TOO?
COME ON, IT'LL BE FUN!

HEY, AKARI...
YOU'VE HAD THE SAME HAIRSTYLE FOREVER AREN'T YOU GO[illegible] CHANGE IT?
WELL, UM...
AKARI...
BUT...
THEY LOOK GREAT ON YOU PIGTAILS HAVE YOUR NAME ALL OVER THEM!
PERSONALLY, I LIKE 'EM!
NOT EVEN JUNIOR HIGH KIDS WALK AROUND IN PIGTAILS.
YOU... YOU THINK SO?

STOP IT, HIROYUKI-CHAN!
CHIGIRI!
C'MON, LET'S GO.
I'M IN A REALLY BAD MOOD RIGHT NOW, MISTER!
WHAT?! YOU WANT A PIECE OF ME, PUNK?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YOU HAVE SUCH A SHORT TEMPER

Q... QUIT FOOLING!
UH, WHO ARE YOU?

I'M IN THE 11TH GRADE NOW! I THOUGHT MAYBE I SHOULD CHANGE MY HAIRSTYLE
I DON'T HAVE LONG BEAUTIFUL HAIR LIKE MISS KURUSUGAWA. BUT...

AND I ASSIGN YOU TO BRING SOME FOOD AND LIQUOR!
WE CAN'T BRING LIQUOR!
IT SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN. LET'S DO IT!

HEY, YOUNG MAN OVER THERE!!
konk
ON TOP OF THAT, AKARI IS LATE!

YOU WANNA JOIN ME FOR A BEER?
GRR

GREAT NO ONE ELSE CAME IT'S JUST ME AND AKARI
SHIHO SAID SHE WANTED TO WATCH A TV SHOW, AND MASASHI WAS ALL, "I DON'T WANNA BE A THIRD WHEEL."
'THE HECK'S THAT ALL ABOUT?!

AKARI.
I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, BUT...
DO YOU THINK IT LOOKS BAD?
I CAN CHANGE IT BACK
OH
NAAH.

Akari Kamigishi

神岸あかり

AKARI

SHE'S CRAZY ABOUT HIROYUKI, BUT WILL HE EVER REALIZE THAT? YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE FINAL VOLUME TO FIND OUT!

Episode 2
『Pure』
～HMX-12 Multi～

Slide
Slide
BOW
LA...
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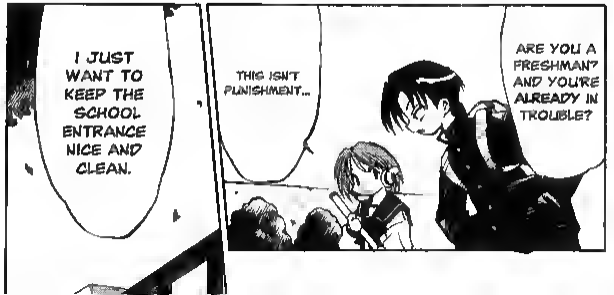
STAMPEDE
LA LAAA LAAA...
LAA...

Everyone!
Good Morning!

OH.
GOOD MORNING..
YO.


I JUST WANT TO KEEP THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE NICE AND CLEAN.
THIS ISN'T PUNISHMENT...
ARE YOU A FRESHMAN? AND YOU'RE ALREADY IN TROUBLE?

C'MON, AKARI. WE'RE ALMOST THERE! HURRY!
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL MAKE IT JUST IN TIME!
RUN
RUN
RUN
HUFF
HIROYUKI-CHAN... TRY TO WAKE UP... A LITTLE EARLIER... TOMORROW.
NEXT
PLEASE... EARLIER...
Toffee
HM?

TWITCH!
glance

PLEASE DON'T, MR. HIROYUKI. YOU'RE HUMAN. I CAN'T LET YOU HELP ME...
HERE, GIVE ME THAT. I'LL HELP YOU.
YO, CHECK OUT HER EARS! HER EARS!!
KIDS NOWADAYS... THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO GREET PEOPLE.
HUH?

I COULDN'T POSSIBLY LET YOU HELP ME!
WE MAID ROBOTS WERE BUILT TO SERVE HUMANS.
DON'T YOU GET IT YET?
"HUMAN?"
YES.

rub
IMPRESSIVE!
.....
WHOMP!!
OW.
flinch
UMM...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

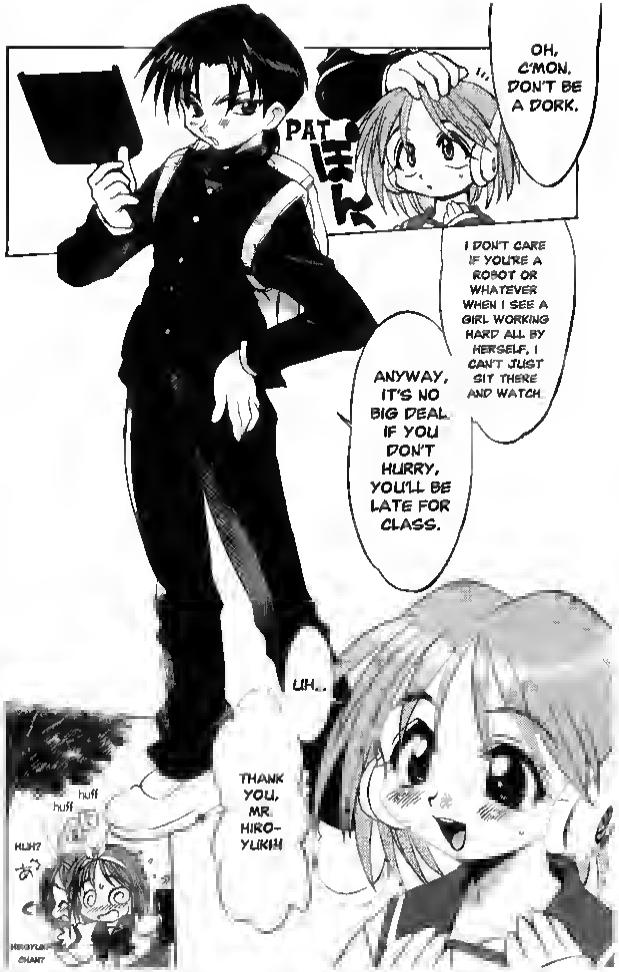
I'M SO HAPPY! THANK YOU FOR...
BEING THE FIRST PERSON TO TALK TO ME.

I'M HIROYUKI FUJITA, JUNIOR.
MR HIROY-UKI...

Hi!
Check it!
LISTEN UP! IT'S TIME FOR SHIHO'S NEWS FLASH!
WE HAVE A NEW FRESHMAN TRANSFER STUDENT! SHE'S A MAID ROBOT!

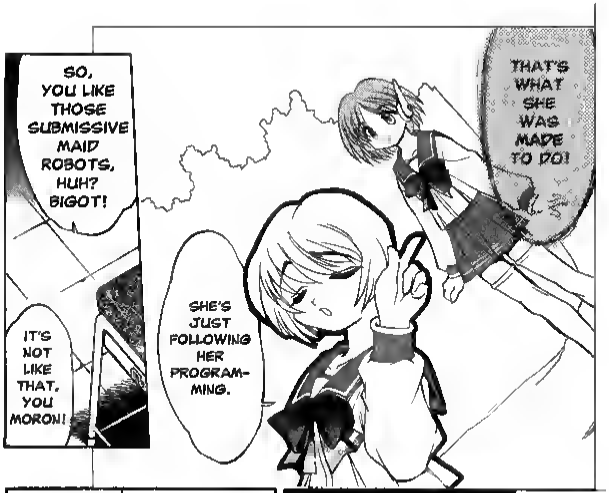
DROOP
WHAT?!
GONG
OH, I MET HER THIS MORNING.

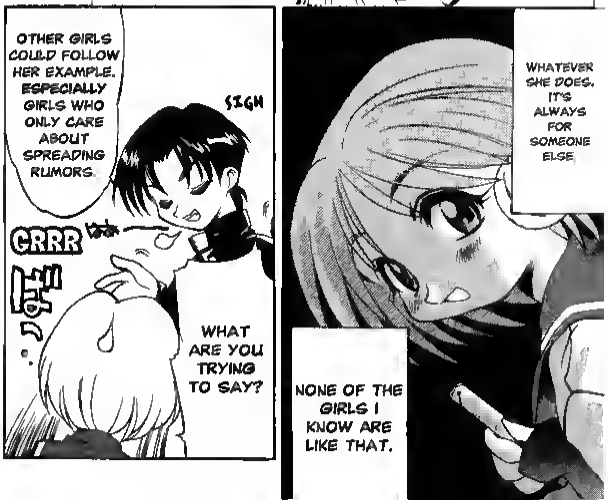
YOU'RE SO DUMB, HIRO!
HA!
GRR
MEAN-ING?
YOU JUST CAN'T FIND A GIRL LIKE HER ANYMORE.
SHE WAS SWEEPING THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE, FOR ALL OF US.


PAT
ぽん
OH, C'MON, DON'T BE A DORK.
I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE A ROBOT OR WHATEVER WHEN I SEE A GIRL WORKING HARD ALL BY HERSELF, I CAN'T JUST SIT THERE AND WATCH.
ANYWAY, IT'S NO BIG DEAL. IF YOU DON'T HURRY, YOU'LL BE LATE FOR CLASS.
UH..
THANK YOU, MR. HIRO-YUKI!!
huff huff
HUH?
HIROYUKI CHANT

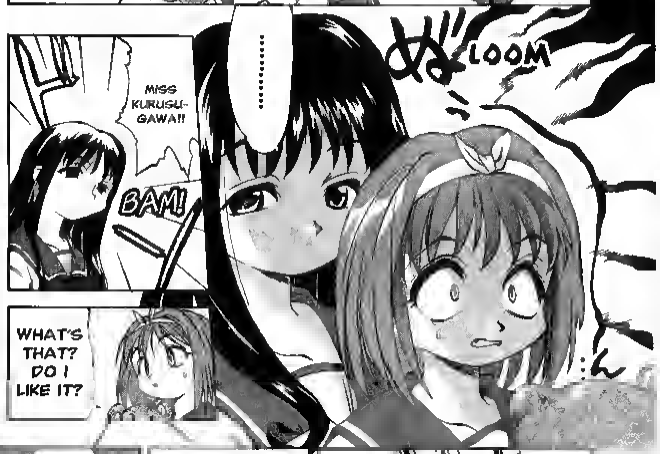
POOR AKARI-CHAN. HE DOESN'T EVEN NOTICE HER..
THMP
GRARR!!
THMP
THMP
THMP

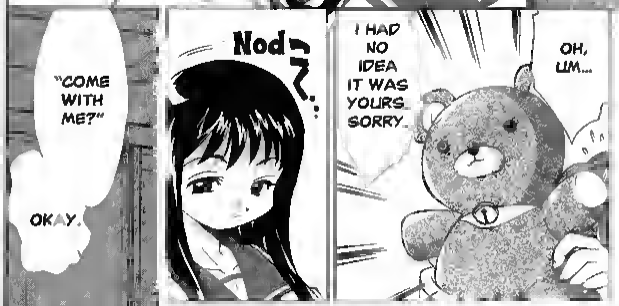
I FINALLY GOT AROUND TO BORROWING THIS.
NOW I CAN MAKE SOMETHING REALLY NICE FOR HIROYUKI-CHAN!
Let's Cook!♡
BWEN
Chk
とて…


SO, YOU LIKE THOSE SUBMISSIVE MAID ROBOTS, HUH? BIGOT!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, YOU MORON!
SHE'S JUST FOLLOWING HER PROGRAM-MING.
THAT'S WHAT SHE WAS MADE TO DO!

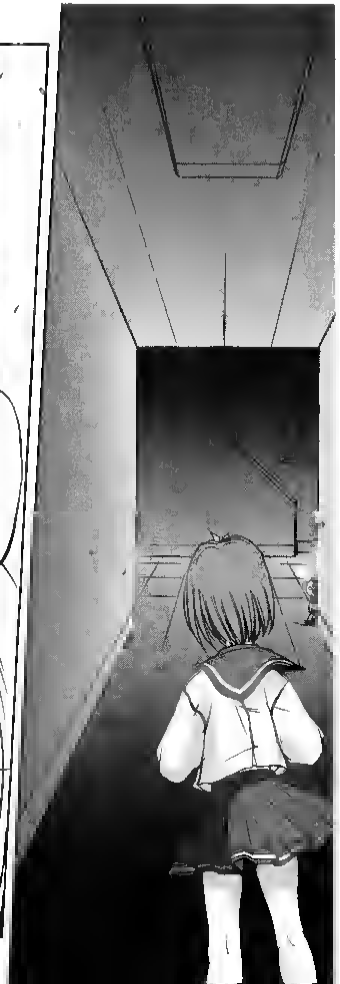

OTHER GIRLS COULD FOLLOW HER EXAMPLE. ESPECIALLY GIRLS WHO ONLY CARE ABOUT SPREADING RUMORS.
SIGH
GRRR
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
WHATEVER SHE DOES, IT'S ALWAYS FOR SOMEONE ELSE.
NONE OF THE GIRLS I KNOW ARE LIKE THAT.

OH MY GOSH! IT'S SOOOO CUTE!!
SQUEEZE
WHOOPEE!


MISS KURUSU-GAWA!!
BAM!
LOOM
WHAT'S THAT? DO I LIKE IT?


"COME WITH ME?"
OKAY.
Nod
I HAD NO IDEA IT WAS YOURS. SORRY.
OH, UM...

A.....
A.....
VWORRR
A TEDDY BEAR!



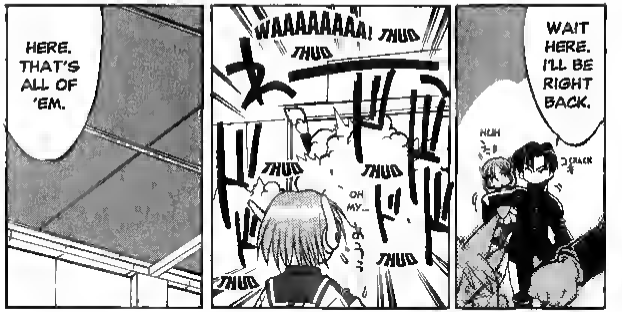
WAAAAAAAAAH!
WAAUGH!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME, MR. HIROYUKI!
WHY ARE YOU BUYING SO MANY PASTRIES?
YOU GONNA EAT ALL THAT?
sniffle
OH, THEY'RE NOT FOR ME, THEY'RE FOR THE CLASS
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT. JUST STOP CRYING.
fwp
fwp

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE A MAID ROBOT...
I CAN'T EVEN DO THIS SIMPLE TASK I'M SO ASHAMED!
SLUMP
VERY ASHAMED
SOB...
WHAT IS "ERRAND BOY"?
WHAT ARE YOU, THEIR ERRAND BOY? THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS!

WE'RE LATE. I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN GOOFING OFF WITH SHIHO.
YOU WANNA GET SOMETHING FROM THE CAFETERIA?
PANT
CHATTER CHATTER
OH, MAN!

HEY, STOP PUSHING ME! OW!
I'LL HAVE TWO STRAWBERRY PASTRIES AN'...
YOU'RE THE GIRL FROM THIS MORNING. ARE YOU OKAY?
OH, BOY
ERM...
?!
Huh?
AAUGH!
WOMP!

YOU'RE SUCH A GENTLEMAN.
BUT...
MASASHI, YOU'RE ALREADY EATING?! YOU SONOFA—!
LEMMY?!
BOOYA!
?
YOU GOTTA EAT! AFTER ALL, "YOU CAN'T KILL TWO BIRD'S ON AN EMPTY STOMACH"!
THAT ONE'S WAY WRONG.

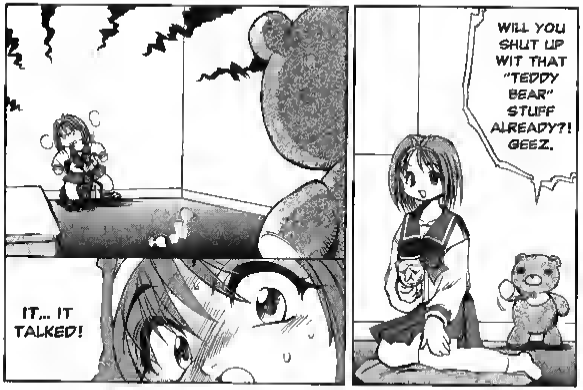

HERE. THAT'S ALL OF 'EM.
WAAAAAAAA!
THUD
OH MY...
WAIT HERE. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
NUH
CRACK

MR HIRO-YUKI!
WAAUGH!
AWW, COME ON NOW, CUT IT OUT.
GEEZ
AAA...
ULUUM ...

AFTER CLASS
SPLOSH
I DON'T KNOW. I FEEL LIKE A SPY OR SOMETHING.
THE LADY SERIKA ASKED YOU TO DO THIS
YOU KNEW WHAT YOU WAS GETTIN' INTO
WHADDYA TALKING ABOUT, AKARI?
CLINCH
WHOA!
Poink!
I KNOW, BUT...

SLRSSSHHH
AND HERE'S SOME SEASONING, JUST FOR YOU!
LOOKS GREAT...
TELL YA WHAT, HIROYUKI I'LL GIVE YOU SOME OF MY NOODLES!
THANKS, LEMMY!
HERE

stoked
stoked
slurp
IT'S MY OWN SPECIAL RECIPE! TRY IT, IT'S DELICIOUS!
UH, LEMMY? WHAT IS THIS?
Poink!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?


IT... IT TALKED!
WILL YOU SHUT UP WIT THAT "TEDDY BEAR" STUFF ALREADY?! GEEZ.

ME AND THE LADY SERIKA ARE COLLECTIN' DATA ON THE HMX-12 MULTI.
I'M AN AUDITOR MECHA, MANUFACTURED BY KURUSUGAWA HEAVY INDUSTRIES. GOT IT?

WHAT? "I NEED YOUR COOPERATION TO COLLECT THIS DATA?"
C'MON, STOP. IF YOU WANT ME TO HELP I WILL. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BOW
DEEP BOW
MULTI?
YOU SAW HER IN FRONT OF YER SCHOOL THIS MORNING RIGHT? SHE'S THE LATEST TEST MODEL.

SO...
THIS IS THE ROOM FOR THE OCCULT CLUB...
H... HELLO.
nod
ガラ

.....
OH, DO YOU LIKE TEDDY BEARS? ME, TOO!

KURUSUGAWA
WELL, LOOKIT THAT
rub rub
SO SECOND
WHAT?!
HUH?!
UH-OH
LEMMY'S GONNA PAY FOR THIS. OHH, MY STOMACH...
FLSSHHH
glub glub glub
AHHH
MPPH!

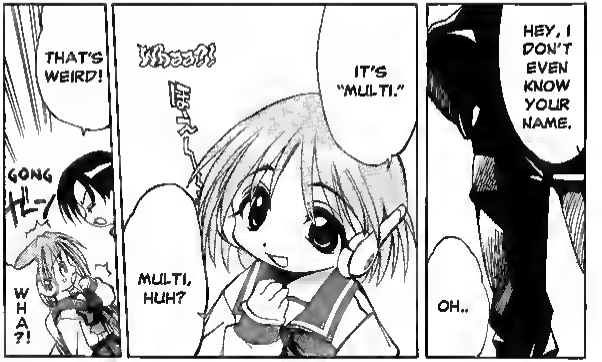
IF YOU MAKE HIROYUKI DRINK IT...
MUMBLE
HUH? YOU WANT TO MAKE ME A LOVE POTION?
slurp
MORE INTERESTED IN SOMEONE LIKE YOU, NOT ME
HIROYUKI-CHAN IS...
WHAT?! NO?! HIROYUKI-CHAN AND I ARE JUST, YOU KNOW!
WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL!
shock

Sigh
I REALLY LOVE CLEANING!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, MR. HIROYUKI. BUT I...
I'M HORRIBLE AT COOKING, AND AS A MAID ROBOT, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE ANYTHING...
SO I'M DOING THIS BECAUSE I WANT EVERYONE TO BE HAPPY.
BUT CLEANING IS DIFFERENT. EVEN I CAN MAKE THINGS NICE AND SHINY...
AND THAT MAKES ME HAPPY.
AND IF I'M HAPPY, THE HUMANS WHO MADE ME MUST ALSO BE HAPPY. DON'T YOU THINK?
.....

BLOOOO-HOOOOO!
CUT IT OUT, WILL YA?
YOU... YOU MEAN IT? I'M SO SORRY, MR. HIROYUKI! FORGIVE ME!
sob
SO. THEY MADE YOU CLEAN ALL BY YOURSELF AGAIN, HUH?
I'M NOT MAD ANYMORE STOP CRYING!
rub
rub
ENOUGH, ALREADY!
NICE GUYS FINISH LAST, YOU KNOW! THAT'S HOW IT WORKS.
YOU GOTTA BE A LITTLE MORE-
BUT THEY'RE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOU!
YOU'RE A GOOD GIRL. YOU'RE WILLING TO HELP OUT OTHERS..

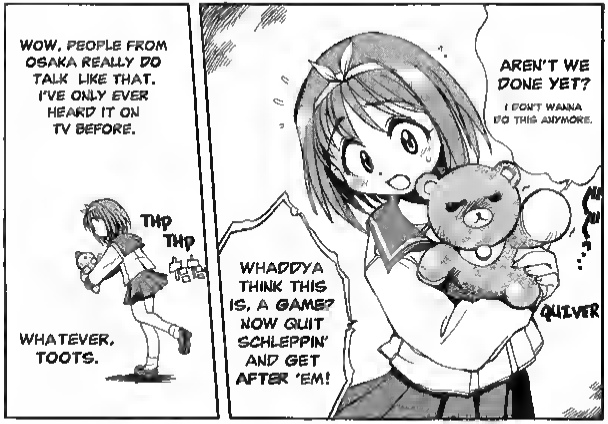
NO, HE ISN'T!
YO, THAT HIROYUKI GUY IS A BIG-TIME SKIRT-CHASER, HUH?
OH, MAN. SHE LEFT.

WHAT?!
WHATEVER! JUST HURRY UP AND FOLLOW 'EM!
HE'S JUST NICE TO EVERYONE.
NOT AT ALL...


WHA?!
GONG
THAT'S WEIRD!
MULTI, HUH?
IT'S "MULTI."
OH..
HEY, I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME.

OK!
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, MULTI!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR HIROYUKI!
BUT IT'S PERFECT FOR YOU.
I MEANT "WEIRD" FOR A HUMAN. WHICH IT IS

BE A GOOD GIRL AND LISTEN TO YOUR UPPER-CLASSMAN.
YAUGH!
A SIDE TRIP AFTER SCHOOL, EH? THAT'LL COST ER
URGH....
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. I GOT YOUR BACK.
NO, YOU CAN'T!

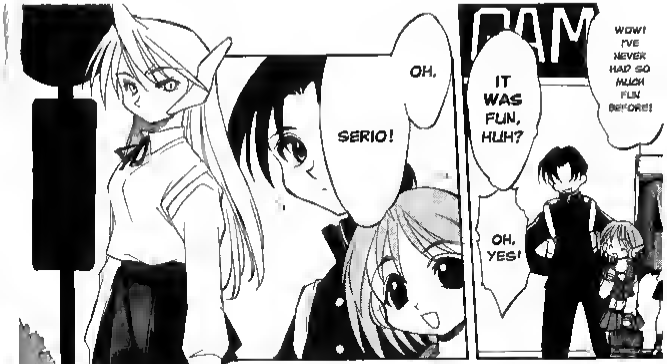

WOW, PEOPLE FROM OSAKA REALLY DO TALK LIKE THAT. I'VE ONLY EVER HEARD IT ON TV BEFORE.
THP THP
WHATEVER, TOOTS.
AREN'T WE DONE YET?
I DON'T WANNA DO THIS ANYMORE.
WHADDYA THINK THIS IS, A GAME? NOW QUIT SCHLEPPIN' AND GET AFTER 'EM!
QUIVER

WAAAAAAAA!
THWACK
CLACK CLACK

OH, YOU'RE MEETING SOMEONE?
I GUESS SERIO ISN'T HERE YET.
HEY, WHY DON'T WE KILL SOME TIME AT THE ARCADE?
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY...
YES... ANOTHER MAID ROBOT SHE GOES TO THE HIGH SCHOOL NEXT TO OURS

"PICK?"
LIKE A ROBOT CONTEST OR SOMETHING?
I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO PICK HER.
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE OLDER ONE...
BUT NO MATTER WHAT WE DO, SERIO'S ALWAYS BETTER THAN ME.

IN THAT CASE, YOU MIGHT NOT GET CHOSEN, HUH?
'CUZ YOU'RE SUCH A KLUTZ.
OH...
SO, WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T GET PICKED?
THE ONE WHO DOES BETTER AT SCHOOL WILL BECOME A THE COMMERCIAL MODEL, AND BE COPIED FOR MASS PRODUCTION.
UM, GOING TO SCHOOL IS OUR FINAL TEST.
REALLY?


OH.
SERIO!
IT WAS FUN, HUH?
OH, YES!
WOW! I'VE NEVER HAD SO MUCH FUN BEFORE!

WHAT UP?
THIS IS HIROYUKI, MY UPPER-CLASSMAN

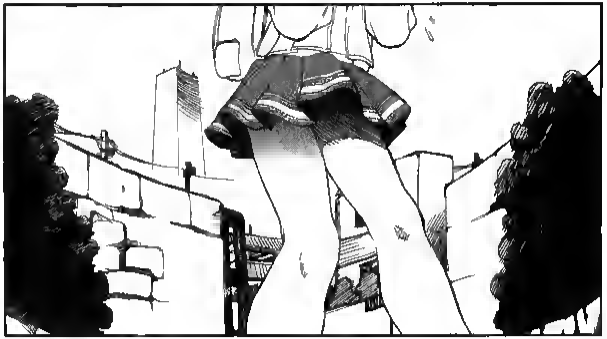
BUT SHE'S SO DIFFERENT FROM YOU. LIKE, REALLY ROBOTIC.
REALLY? SERIO AND I ARE SISTER MODELS, MADE AT THE SAME TIME.
PSST, MULTI. ARE ALL THE OTHER MAID ROBOTS LIKE HER?
YES!
GOOD EVENING, HIROYUKI

I LOVE CLEANING!
SERIO AND I ARE GOING TO SCHOOL TO FIND OUT WHICH OF US IS SUITED FOR MASS-PRODUCTION IT'S A TEST.
採用されたらそのまま量産されるんですけど
BUT THE ONE WHO DOESN'T GET PICKED WILL BE SHUT DOWN AND HAVE TO SLEEP FOREVER
THE ONE WHO GETS PICKED WILL BE MASS-PRODUCED...
HIROYUKI-CHA~AN!
THERE'S NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT- MULTI'S GONNA BE THE ONE THAT GETS SCRAPPED.

WELL, I'M JUST A TEST MODEL, SO I'LL BE OF NO FURTHER USE.
I'LL BE SHUT DOWN AND STORED IN THE RESEARCH FACILITY'S WAREHOUSE.
UH-HUH...
WHAT?
HUH?!

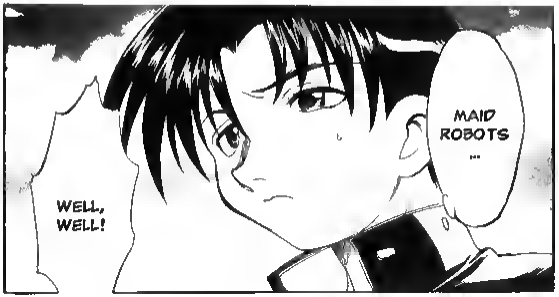
BAAM!
UP...
AAH, SHUT IT! I'M ALREADY...

WAAAAAA



WHY YOU...
SORRY ABOUT THAT, HIROYUKI-CHAN.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE TAKIN' THAT THING TO SCHOOL WITH YOU!
AH HA HA. I MEAN, I'VE JUST GOT A LOT GOING ON. AND STUFF.
YEAH THAT'S IT
DID IT SCARE YOU?

OH NO!
Pinch
LOOK AT THIS THING! THIS IS HARDLY WHAT I'D CALL A CUTE FACE


MAID ROBOTS ...
WELL, WELL!

GOOD MORNING!
!

SIGHHHHH
はあああああ
AAGH!

LOOK AT THIS:
YOU TWO GOING TO SCHOOL TOGETHER AGAIN, HUH?

HEY, SHIHO!
HM?
SHE SIGHED...

A KA RI!!
IT... IT WASN'T ME!

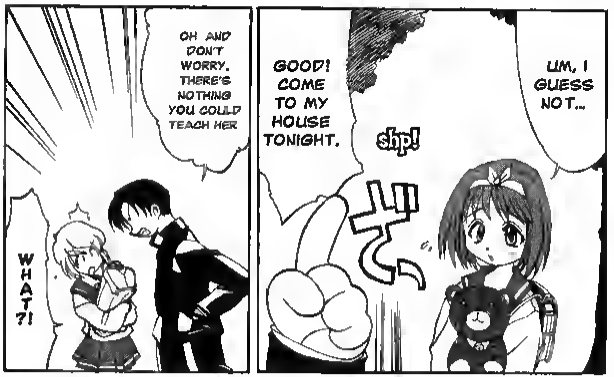
UH-OH...
あああ

WHAP!
?!
ANYWAY, WE SHOULD HURRY OR WE'LL BE LATE.

SORRY 'BOUT THAT. HAND SLIPPED.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME NOT TO BE OBVIOUS...
JEEZ
HEH HEH
sigh
sk'd
.....

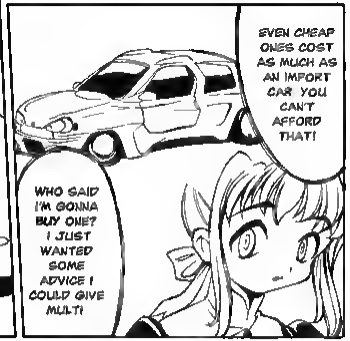
SIGH

YEAH.. HEY AKARI!
YOU'RE GOOD AT COOKING, RIGHT? I NEED YOU TO TEACH MULTI.
YOU DON'T MIND, RIGHT?

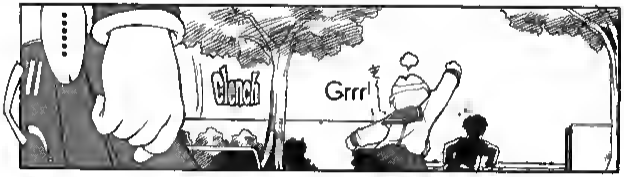

OH AND DON'T WORRY, THERE'S NOTHING YOU COULD TEACH HER
WHAT?!
GOOD! COME TO MY HOUSE TONIGHT.
ship!
UM, I GUESS NOT...

MULTI?
OH, THAT GIRL.
WELL, A GOOD MAID ROBOT SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE ALL HOUSEHOLD CHORES, AND OBEY MASTER NO MATTER WHAT.

WHAT, ARE YOU GOING TO GET ONE?
HUH?
WHAT MAKES ONE MAID ROBOT BETTER THAN ANOTHER?


EVEN CHEAP ONES COST AS MUCH AS AN IMPORT CAR YOU CAN'T AFFORD THAT!
WHO SAID I'M GONNA BUY ONE? I JUST WANTED SOME ADVICE I COULD GIVE MULTI

YOU DON'T NEED A MAID ROBOT—YOU ALREADY HAVE A GIRL WHO LIKES TO DO THINGS FOR YOU
YOU GOT SOME WEIRD INTERESTS, BY THE WAY
YEAH, I GUESS THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT.
WH... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!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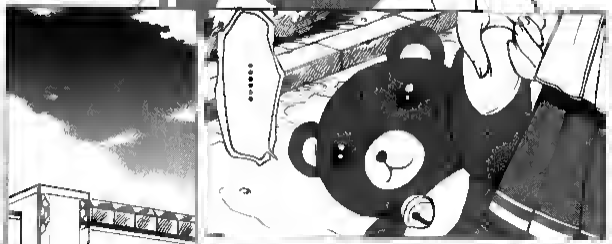
Clench
Grrr!

IT'S NOT THAT I'M GOOD AT COOKING ...
I JUST ...
WORK EXTRA HARD, BECAUSE THERE'S SOMEONE SPECIAL I WANT TO SHARE IT WITH ...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PING!
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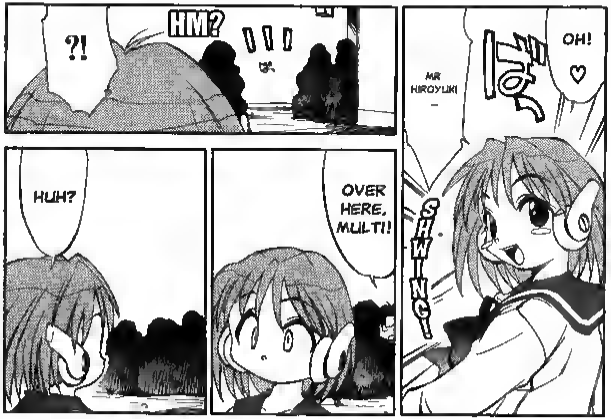
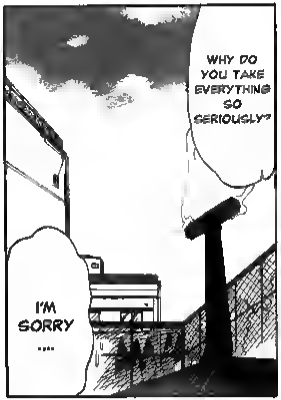
HEY, MULTI!
THERE YOU ARE!


?!
HM?
OH! ♡
MR HIROYUKI ...
SHWING!
HUH?
OVER HERE, MULTI!

RESULTS? YOU MEAN, TODAY'S YOUR LAST DAY AT SCHOOL?
YES. IT'S MY LAST DAY.
I GUESS WE KNOW WHAT TOMORROW'S RESULTS ARE GOING TO BE HUH?
HEH HEH.

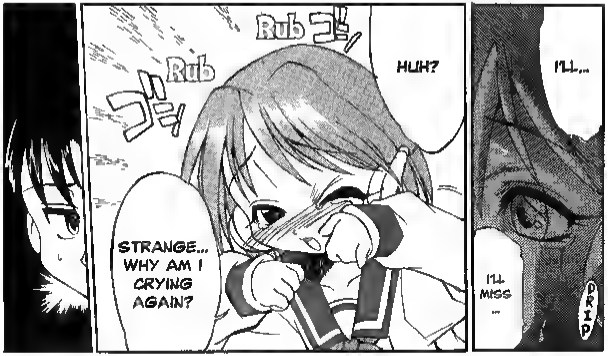
YOU HELPED ME CLEAN, AND EVEN TOOK ME TO THE ARCADE. I HAD SO MUCH FUN WITH YOU.
I'M VERY HAPPY TO HAVE MET YOU, MR. HIROYUKI.
BUT...
I'LL MISS COMING TO SCHOOL AND...



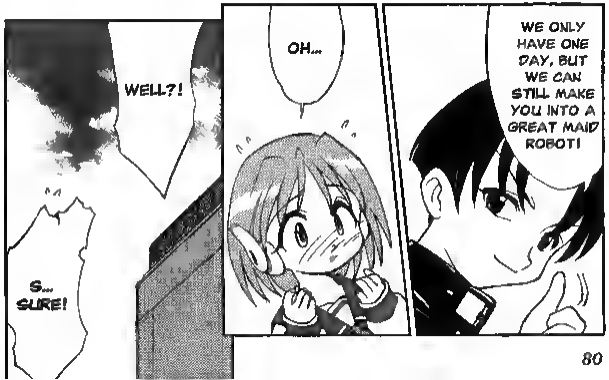
YOU'RE SO CRUEL...

HMM...
THIS IS GONNA MAKE THINGS COMPLICATED!

HUH?
OH, I DON'T MIND AT ALL.
IT'S ALL FOR MULTI-CHAN!
Y'KNOW, AKARI...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TEACH MULTI HOW TO COOK IF YOU DON'T WANT.


Rub
Rub
HUH?
STRANGE... WHY AM I CRYING AGAIN?
I'LL...
I'LL MISS ...
SNIF

HUH? GO WHERE?
FWSH
THAT'S IT! LET'S GO, MULTI!


WELL?!
S... SURE!
OH...
WE ONLY HAVE ONE DAY, BUT WE CAN STILL MAKE YOU INTO A GREAT MAID ROBOT!

WHATEVER! YOU JUST RIPPED MY CLOTHES OFF!
SNATCH
MAGASHI, YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!
SO THAT'S WHY...
WE'RE GONNA DO LAUNDRY FIRST!
YES SIR!
ROGER!
LET'S GET STARTED!
BAM!
HERE!
ALL DONE!

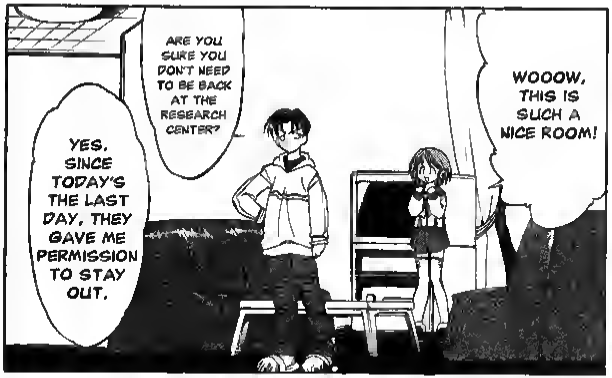
AND HOLD BACK YOUR REAL FEELINGS LIKE THIS
I'M NOT SO SURE YOU SHOULD BE ALL STUBBORN...
TEDDY BEAR...
'CUZ ONE OF THESE DAYS, YOU'RE GONNA EXPLODE.
HIROYUKI-CHAN, I...
WAIT UP!
HEY!
OH!
ENOUGH CHIT-CHAT. LET'S GET AFTER 'EM!
poink!

WUZUP?!
JUST TELL ME, ALREADY!
SHIHO'S ADVICE!
YOU CAN BE SO DUMB, HIRO. CAN'T YOU SEE THERE'S AN EASIER WAY?
WHAT F*!? YOU SAY?!
YOU SAID SHE'S MANUFACTURED BY KURUGUGAWA CORPORATION, RIGHT?

IF YOU EXPLAIN THINGS TO HER, SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU OUT.
WHY DON'T YOU GO TALK TO KURUGU-GAWA ABOUT THE FINAL DECISION?
hug
UM, HIROYUKI. SHIHO...
BUT...
I APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS
HEY, YEAH!

WINCE
Boo hoo
OOPS!
CRASH
SKRASH
GAMESTATION
WAAAAH!
I'M SORRY! I CAN'T BE A GOOD ROBOT, NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY!
THIS IS MORE SERIOUS THAN I THOUGHT...

OKAY!!


YES. SINCE TODAY'S THE LAST DAY, THEY GAVE ME PERMISSION TO STAY OUT.
ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T NEED TO BE BACK AT THE RESEARCH CENTER?
WOOOW, THIS IS SUCH A NICE ROOM!

Ding Dong
WHERE THE HELL IS AKARI, ANYWAY?

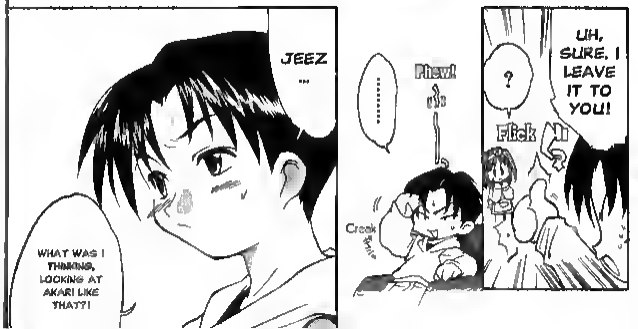
I'D FEEL SORRY FOR MASASHI AND HIROYUKI, BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD TO HELP ME.
IF I PASSED THE TEST THAT WAY, I'D FEEL TERRIBLE ABOUT MYSELF AND FOR SERIO, AND THE PEOPLE WHO CREATED ME
ALL I CAN DO IS TRY MY BEST.
I MIGHT BE A FAILURE BUT IT'S JUST THE WAY I AM...
PAT

FINE.
MULTI, YOU'RE...
BUT LET'S AT LEAST DO SOME COOKING, SO YOU CAN GET BETTER AT THAT
SHE'S SO PURE AT HEART. IT'S ALMOST ENOUGH TO MAKE US HUMANS FEEL EMBARRASSED...

LET'S START WITH CHOPPING CARROTS!
OKAY.
WE'RE GONNA DO THIS TOGETHER, MUTI!
NO PROBLEM! ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP.
RIGHT!
SCRUNCH, SCRUNCH, SCRUNCH
GULP
YO, YOU ALRIGHT?
KYAAAAAAA!

AHA HA HA HA.
YOU'RE STILL WALKING AROUND WITH THIS THING?
I GOT THE INGREDIENTS.
HIROYUKI-CHAN! SORRY I'M LATE!
WHATEVER! JUST START COOKING!
CALM DOWN, CALM DOWN!
I'm ready!
I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU SO MUCH!
HIROYUKI TOLD ME YOU'RE GOING TO TEACH ME HOW TO COOK!
OH, HI!

POOF
WAAAAA!
Clatter
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A SHOWER FIRST OR EAT DINNER?
PHEW..
WE'RE GOING TO BE MAKING SPAGHETTI WITH MEAT SAUCE IS THAT OKAY?
Ba dump
UM, HIROYUKI-CHAN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


JEEZ ...
WHAT WAS I THINKING, LOOKING AT AKARI LIKE THAT?!
Phew!
Creak
?
UH, SURE, I LEAVE IT TO YOU!
Flick

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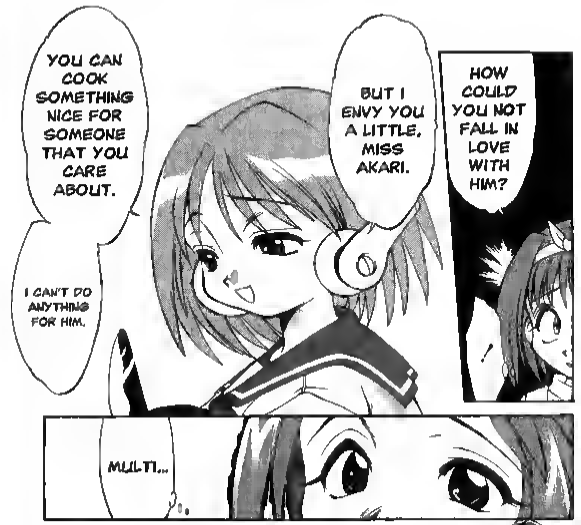
AKARI... WHEN YOU STAND IN THE KITCHEN LIKE THAT...
Ba-dump
YOU ALMOST LOOK LIKE SOMEBODY'S WIFE.

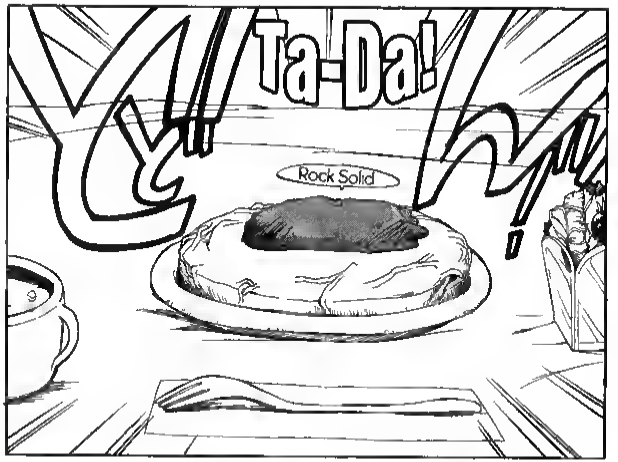

YOU CAN COOK SOMETHING NICE FOR SOMEONE THAT YOU CARE ABOUT.
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR HIM.
BUT I ENVY YOU A LITTLE, MISS AKARI.
HOW COULD YOU NOT FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM?
MULTI...

I WONDER... WOULD THINGS BE DIFFERENT IF I COULD BE HONEST LIKE MULTI?

I'M SUCH A LIAR. THE TRUTH IS, I CAN'T EVEN BRING MYSELF TO TELL HIM HOW I FEEL
clench
Rattle
I CAN'T EVEN BE HONEST ABOUT MY OWN FEELINGS. I'M SUCH A FAKE...
Rattle
SNIFF

Ba-dump
HUH?
WHAT MADE YOU SAY THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
Swing Swing Swing
WHA WHA WHA WHA WHA...
HIROYUKI IS A KIND AND WONDERFUL PERSON!
HE'S EVEN NICE ENOUGH TO TALK TO A DEFECTIVE ROBOT LIKE ME...
I REALLY LIKE HIROYUKI, TOO!

WHAT?!
WHERE YOU'RE NOT SO KIND TO THE ONES YOU REALLY LIKE?
HER HOUSE ISN'T VERY FAR, SO SHE SHOULD BE FINE.
REALLY?
IS THIS ONE OF THOSE STRANGE HUMAN BEHAVIORS ...
DID I GUESS RIGHT?
WHERE DID YOU GET SUCH A... UM...
I WISH I HAD A MASTER LIKE YOU.
MR. HIROYUKI. I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH, FOR EVERYTHING
ANYWAY. HERE IS FINE


Ta-Da!
Rock Solid

I WONDER IF MISS AKARI WILL BE OKAY BY HERSELF...
WHAT?
Ba-dump Ba-dump
WHATEVER I SHOULDN'T JUDGE IT BY HOW IT LOOKS
THIS IS NOT GOOD.
IN SO MANY WAYS
IT TASTES LIKE IT LOOKS...
scrunch
crunch
.....

GOODBYE.
I'LL NEVER EVER FORGET.

WHY WOULD WE PUT YOU TO SLEEP? WE MIGHT AS WELL BE KILLING YOU.
MULTI, I KNOW YOU MEANT EVERYTHING YOU SAID...
BUT IF HUMANS ARE SO WONDERFUL AND GOOD,

I FEEL SO HELPLESS
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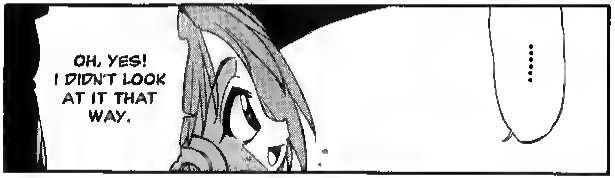
I GUESS AKARI FORGOT THIS.
HUH?
WHY?

WE'RE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
DON'T BE AN IDIOT.


OH, YES! I DIDN'T LOOK AT IT THAT WAY.
.....

I FEEL LUCKY TO HAVE A FRIEND LIKE YOU—A HUMAN, JUST LIKE THE PEOPLE WHO CREATED ME. THANK YOU!
THAT MAKES ME SO HAPPY! YOU TREAT ME LIKE A FRIEND, EVEN THOUGH I'M A DEFECTIVE ROBOT!

HIROYUKI AND MY PRECIOUS FRIENDS!
NO MATTER WHAT THE TEST RESULTS ARE, I'LL NEVER FORGET ABOUT
MULTI ...

IN THE END, THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO FOR HER. I'M SUCH A LIAR
BUT WE COULDN'T DO A THING FOR HER
MULTI TRUSTED HUMANS SO MUCH,
I DON'T EVEN KNOW ANY HUMAN AS PURE AS HER.
NO
MULTI WOULD NEVER LIE.
HEH. IT'S NOT LIKE TELLING YOU ALL THIS IS GOING TO HELP ANY...
Pat
MULTI WAS MORE HUMAN THAN A REAL HUM...N.

WHOOOSH
thp

THEY'RE SOME INTERESTIN' KIDS
AND IT WAS A GOOD EXPERIENCE FOR MULTI
"THANK YOU?" AAH. NO PROBLEM. I WAS JUST DOING MY JOB
BUT NOW I KNOW WHY YOU SET THOSE TWO UP.

CERTAINLY. WE WILL TAKE CARE OF MULTI, JUST LIKE WE PLANNED
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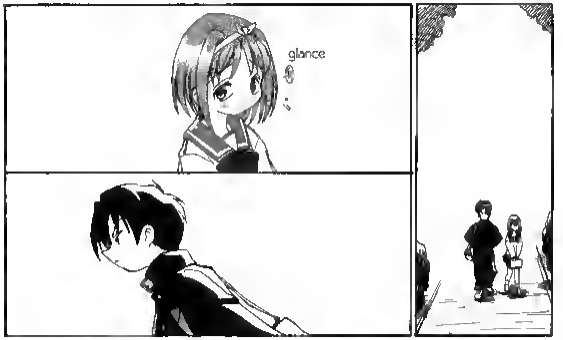
glance

I'M SORRY I ASKED YOU TO DO ALL THAT STUFF LAST NIGHT.
WHAT?
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
BUT NEXT TIME-

SIS.
IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE INFATUATED.

.....
ABOUT WHAT KIND OF GUY THIS "HIROYUKI" IS. ♡
NOW YOU'VE GOT ME ALL CURIOUS...
OH, MISS SERIKA, SO WHAT WERE THE RESULTS?
SHE AIN'T LISTENIN'
.....
I BET YOU'RE GONNA BE A VILLAIN IN THE NEXT CHAPTER!

GOOD MORNING!
MISS SERIKA GAVE ME THIS BROOM SO I CAN CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL CLEAN!

WHY DON'T YOU MAKE ME SOMETHIN' REALLY GOOD?
N...
"NEXT TIME?"
skreek!
WHAT'S UP?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE IN A GOOD MOOD
KURUSUGAWA!

HMX-12 Multi

HMX-12マルチ

MULTI

MULTI IS THE PUREST GIRL IN THE WORLD. IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT SHE'S A ROBOT — WE HAVE TO MAKE A PEACEFUL WORLD, WHERE A GIRL LIKE HER CAN BE HAPPY!

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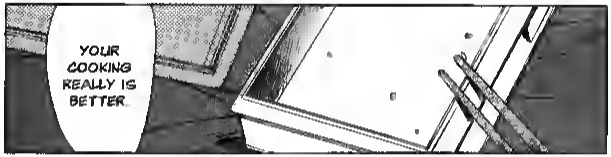
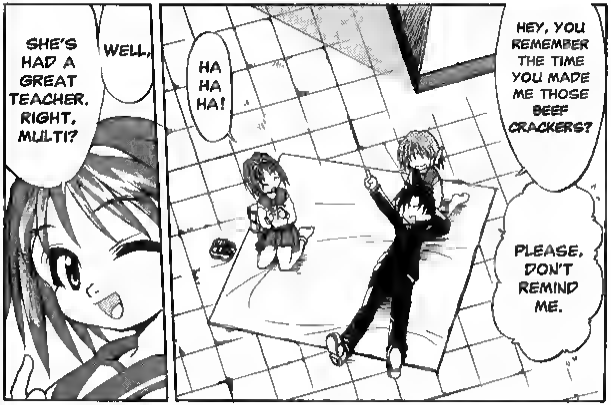
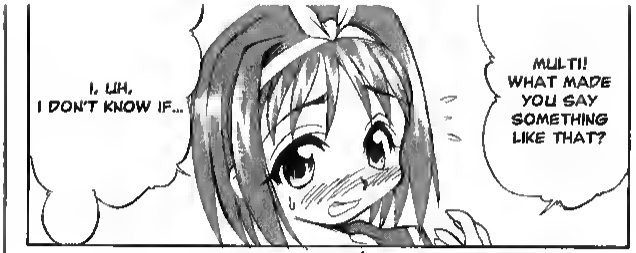

YOUR COOKING REALLY IS BETTER.


SHE'S HAD A GREAT TEACHER, RIGHT, MULTI?
WELL,
HA HA HA!
HEY, YOU REMEMBER THE TIME YOU MADE ME THOSE BEEF CRACKERS?
PLEASE, DON'T REMIND ME.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO AKARI! RIGHT, MULTI?
I'M JUST KIDDING.
THAT'S RIGHT!
HEY!
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
YEAH EVERYONE'S GOTTA BE GOOD AT SOMETHING, AT LEAST

Pat
TH...
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
IT'S GREAT, MULTI!
YOUR COOKING'S GOTTEN A LOT BETTER!
Oh!
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, MULTI!
Whoopie!
IT'S REALLY GOOD. I MEAN IT.

I DID IT!!


I, UH, I DON'T KNOW IF...
MULTI! WHAT MADE YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

FINE.
COME ON, HIROYUKI-CHAN...
Ba-dump
Flop

I GUESS I'LL JUST BE...
I, UH, YOU KNOW IT'S...

LUNCH WOULD'VE BEEN PERFECT IF YOU'D USED APPLES IN THE DESSERT INSTEAD OF POTATOES.
WAAAH!
GISH
MR. HIRO-YUKI,
IT FEELS SO NICE HAVING YOU ON MY LAP.
HMMM?
YOU TRY, AKARI! IT FEELS SO GOOD!
FOR SOME REASON, HAVING YOUR WEIGHT ON ME MAKES ME FEEL WARM AND SAFE
YEAH, IT WORKS FOR ME...
HUH?!
I HAVE AN IDEA!
BUT WHY YOU?

THIS IS DELICIOUS!
WOW!
Munch
THIS IS VERY GOOD!
YOU EAT THE GOOD STUFF, HUH?
YOUR PRIVATE CHEF MADE THIS?
.....
THAT WAS GREAT, THANKS!
I SHOULD DO SOMETHING FOR YOU
HUH?
Swish
WHAT?
Nod
HELP YOU WITH A CEREMONY TO SUMMON A DEMON?!
WHAT? ME, TOO?!
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME! I CAN HANDLE DEMONS.. OR ANYTHING! RIGHT?!
GONG
clench
AS A SACRIFICE?!
WISP
WISP

STARE
COMING ON OVER HERE...
M...
MISS KURUSUGAWA!!
WAUGH!
.....
Pfffft
WHAT?
"BE MY GUEST?!" I THINK I'LL PASS. HA HA.

.....
"IF IT'S WITH YOU?!"
!!
.....
UH, YOU'RE KIDDING RIGHT?
OH, YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY? SEE YA!
GOODBYE! THANK YOU FOR THE SWEETS!

BUT ...
DON'T YOU HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO ON A SATURDAY AFTERNOON?
YOU KNOW, LIKE A DATE OR SOMETHING? HA HA.

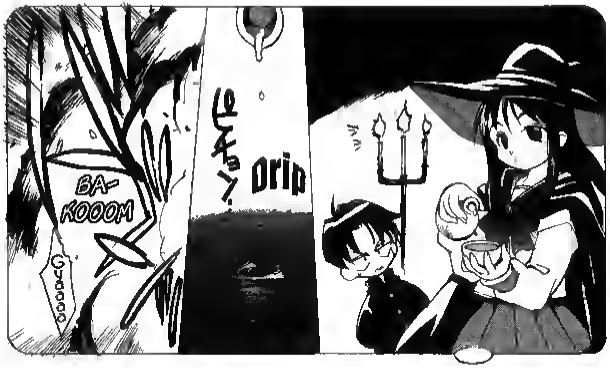
.....
Glance
KURUSUGAWA.
I'VE NEVER SEEN SERIKA SO HAPPY BEFORE, MR HIROYUKI!!
BYE-BYE
ばいばーい
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'VE NEVER SEEN HER HANGING OUT WITH OTHER STUDENTS BEFORE
REALLY?
SHE DOESN'T TALK MUCH, SO PEOPLE TEND TO STAY AWAY FROM HER.
BUT WHEN SHE'S WITH YOU, SHE LOOKS VERY HAPPY!

WELL, YOU TREAT HER LIKE ANYBODY ELSE, EVEN THOUGH SHE'S FROM A RICH FAMILY.
HMM ...
I DON'T GET IT.
I THINK THAT'S ONE OF YOUR GOOD POINTS!
OOPS.
YOU!
WELL, IT'S LIKE THIS...
UH...
SO, WHAT. I'VE GOT NO SHAME? IS THAT IT?

COMING THROUGH! EXCUSE ME!
Flap
Flap
EXCUSE ME
THE NEXT WEEK
chk
chk
chk
THUD
KYAAA!
OH, MY GOSH! I'M SO SORRY!
HEY WHAT'S GOING ON?
EEK!
Ouch!
YEAH... I GUESS
CRASH
AKARI, HERE COMES YOUR FRIEND
!!
OH... OH NO!
HM? I THOUGHT THEY WERE DOING SOMETHING IN THE OCCULT CLUB ROOM
YOU HAVE TO COME SEE MR. HIROYUKI AND SERIKA RIGHT NOW!!
AKARI!
darter

WAAA! SORRY!
HEY! WAIT UP, AKARI!
BUT I MEAN IT. THAT'S WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT YOU. YOU'RE GENEROUS AND WARM-HEARTED.
FOREVER
AND EVER.
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU...

?!
BWOMPF!
BONK
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
YAUGH!
HEY, ARE YOU AKARI KAMIGISHI?
THWUMP
HUH?!


BA-KOOOM
GYAAAA
drip

MR. HIROYUKI AND SERIKA ARE HAVING AN ARGUMENT!
UH... UM!
BONK
SOME-THING LIKE THAT!

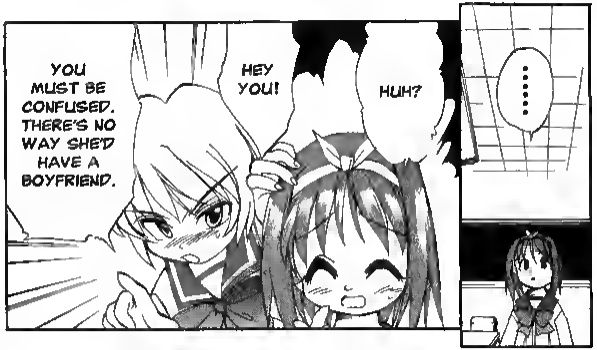
YEAH!
LET'S JUST GO CHECK IT OUT!
BUT WHY...

HERE.
I MEAN THIS GUY!
WHAT? SHE'S TALKING ABOUT HIRO?!
GONG
HIROYUKI-CHAN IS ACTUALLY...

HIRO AND AKARI, A COUPLE? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
THEY'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS!
OH, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
HE'S NOT EXACTLY MY BOYFRIEND, BUT...
HA HA HA! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
mumble mumble
WELL THEN, I'LL JUST TAKE HIM.
SEE YOU LATER.

SWSH
PERFECT TIMING
I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR YOU.
LOOKING FOR ME?
In your face
YOU'RE AKARI KAMIGISHI, RIGHT?
YES, YES!

I WANT YOUR BOYFRIEND.
LET'S GET RIGHT TO THE POINT.


YOU MUST BE CONFUSED. THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D HAVE A BOYFRIEND.
HEY YOU!
HUH?
.....

Snatch
THAT'S NOT GOING TO WORK!
"I CAN SUMMON DEMONS TO HELP ME?!"
WHAT?
.....
.....
I WON'T LET YOU DO ANYTHING THAT'LL MAKE YOU SAD!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO!
REALLY? OKAY
.....
Nod
.....

Tug
NOT SO FAST.
.....
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I THINK YOU SHOULD AT LEAST TELL US WHO YOU ARE.
WHAT'S WITH THIS ATTITUDE OF YOURS? YOU'RE NOT EVEN FROM THIS SCHOOL!
tsk
tsk
"THEN..."
YOU'RE HONESTLY OKAY WITH THIS?
ARE YOU SURE?
THAT'S JUST WRONG! AND CRAZY!

Crar!
Whoosh
OW!
HEY, WHO'S THIS OLD BUZZARD?
I'M SEBASTIAN. I'VE BEEN THE KURUSUGAWA FAMILY'S HEAD BUTLER FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS!
AND I'VE BEEN SERVING MILADY SERIKA SINCE SHE WAS BORN!
WAIT A SEC!
NO! SHE DOESN'T WANT TO GO WITH YOU!
COME, MILADY.
THEY'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
Twitch
Twitch
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE RESPECT FOR YOUR ELDERS
WHAT ?!

TAKE THIS!
WHAM!!
GYAAAA!

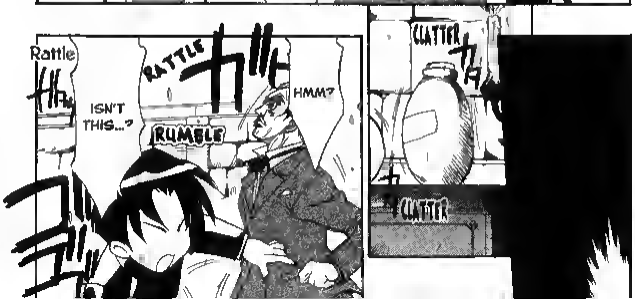
HaRUMPH!
HOW DARE SCUM LIKE YOU TOUCH MILADY SERIKA?!
YOU FIEND!

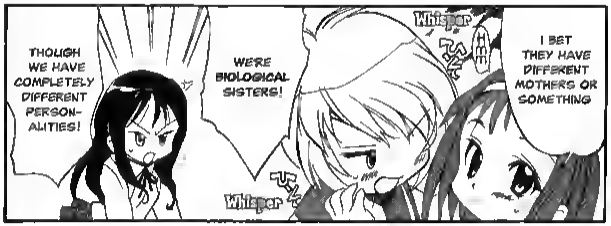
MILADY, PLEASE WIPE YOUR HAND. IT'S DIRTY.
WHAT THE-?! WHO ARE YOU?!

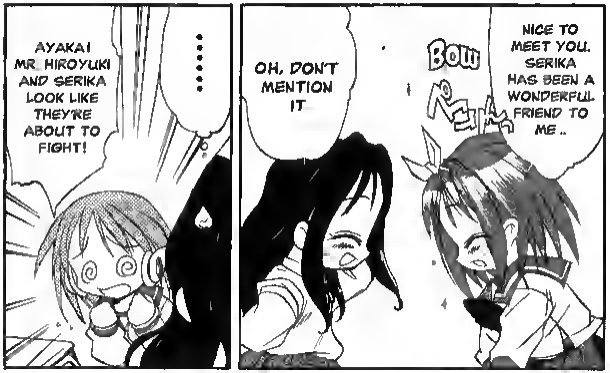
WAAAAAAAAAA!

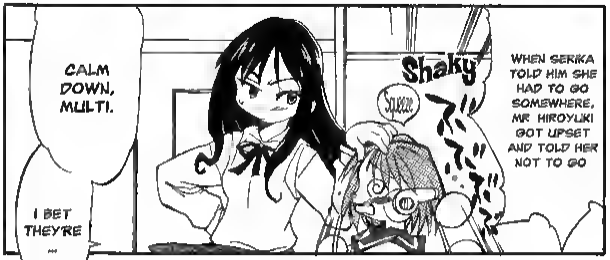
Thud
Thud
Thud
ALMOST GOT YOU, DIDN'T I?
OH, AND I HAVEN'T EVEN INTRODUCED MYSELF YET. I'M...
MY, THAT WAS CLOSE

I'M A LOOSE CANNON, POPS!
GRRRRRR
THINK YOU'RE "HOT STUFF," DO YOU? YOU LITTLE PUNK!
WELL ...


Rattle
RATTLE
HMM?
ISN'T THIS...?
RUMBLE
CLATTER
CLATTER

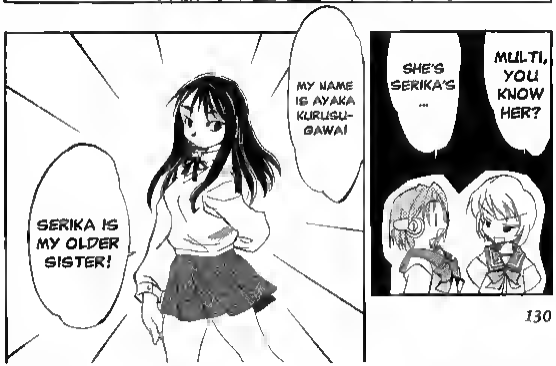

THOUGH WE HAVE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES!
WE'RE BIOLOGICAL SISTERS!
Whisper
Whisper
I BET THEY HAVE DIFFERENT MOTHERS OR SOMETHING


AYAKA! MR. HIROYUKI AND SERIKA LOOK LIKE THEY'RE ABOUT TO FIGHT!
OH, DON'T MENTION IT
Bow
NICE TO MEET YOU. SERIKA HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL FRIEND TO ME ..


CALM DOWN, MULTI.
I BET THEY'RE ...
Shaky
Squeeze
WHEN SERIKA TOLD HIM SHE HAD TO GO SOMEWHERE, MR. HIROYUKI GOT UPSET AND TOLD HER NOT TO GO

I SAID, "WHO ARE YOU?!"
"FOOLS RUSH IN WHERE ANGELS CARRY BIG STICKS," HUH?
WHO ARE YOU?
Flip
Flip
THAT WAS A GREAT HEEL KICK! ARE YOU A KARATE GIRL? I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT BEFORE!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
AYAKA?!

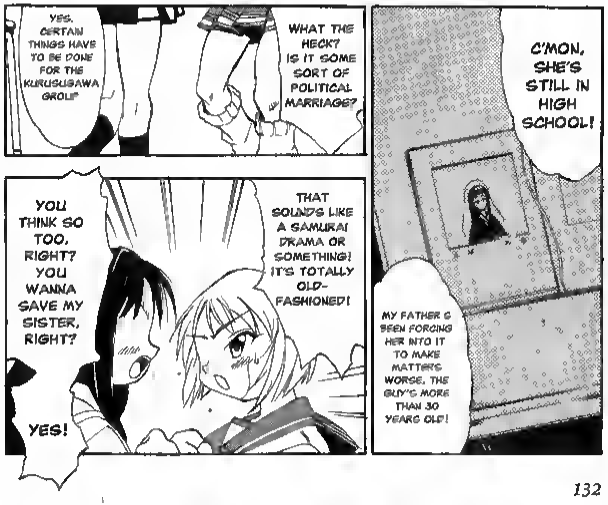

MY NAME IS AYAKA KURUSU-GAWA!
SERIKA IS MY OLDER SISTER!
SHE'S SERIKA'S ...
MULTI, YOU KNOW HER?

THAT'S WHY
I TRIED TO SET HER UP WITH HIROYUKI.
snap
HE DOESN'T EXACTLY DESERVE HER.
BUT IT'S A GOOD IDEA! LET'S DO IT!

HEY, SHIHO ...
MY SISTER HAS BEEN THE WAY SHE IS SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE. SHE'S NEVER REALLY HAD FRIENDS
OF COURSE, SHE'S NEVER HAD A BOYFRIEND, EITHER.
HM? BY THE WAY, WHY DID YOU PICK HIRO?

MY SISTER IS IN LOVE WITH HIROYUKI!
THERE'S NO DOUBT!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER SO OPEN TO ANYONE BEFORE
BUT SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT ABOUT HIROYUKI. SHE TALKS ABOUT HIM A LOT AT HOME.
Clench

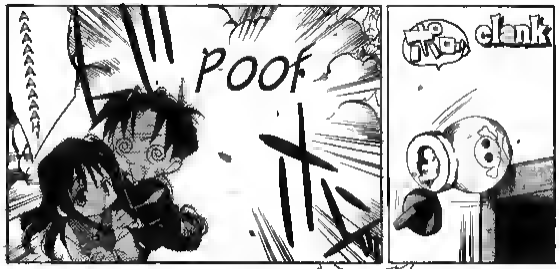
ARRANGED MARRIAGE ?!
ARGUING OVER HER ARRANGED MARRIAGE


YES. CERTAIN THINGS HAVE TO BE DONE FOR THE KURUSUGAWA GROUP.
WHAT THE HECK? IS IT SOME SORT OF POLITICAL MARRIAGE?
C'MON, SHE'S STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL!
MY FATHER'S BEEN FORCING HER INTO IT TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE. THE GUY'S MORE THAN 30 YEARS OLD!
YOU THINK SO TOO, RIGHT? YOU WANNA SAVE MY SISTER, RIGHT?
YES!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A SAMURAI DRAMA OR SOMETHING! IT'S TOTALLY OLD-FASHIONED!

THE SAME KIND OF "LOVE" THAT I HAVE?
I'M GLAD THAT SERIKA SEES HIROYUKI-CHAN'S GOOD POINTS. I'M EVEN HAPPY THAT SHE LIKES HIM.
IF YOU SAW THEM ON THE STREET, YOU'D THINK THEY'RE A GOOD-LOOKING COUPLE.
I'M HAPPY...
BUT!
WAIT A MINUTE, SHIHO.
Whoosh
OK.
LET'S GET GOING, AYAKA!

THAT'S WHAT I CALL SISTERLY LOVE! LET ME HELP YOU!
THAT'S BRILLIANT! WHAT A GREAT SCOOP! UH, I MEAN...
UH... OKAY.
SHHHH
WOOOO!
"SERIKA IS IN LOVE WITH HIROYUKI-CHAN?"
BUT I KNEW THAT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WOULDN'T GO ANYWHERE IF I JUST SAT AND WATCHED!
Playing Cupid
SO I DECIDED TO HELP OUT, BEHIND THE SCENES.
NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY SHE WAS LOOKING AT HIM THAT WAY.
THAT MEANS SERIKA KNOWS HOW KIND HE IS. HE'S SO EASY TO FALL IN LOVE WITH
BUT MAYBE SERIKA LOVES HIM THE SAME WAY MULTI DOES. A DIFFERENT KIND OF "LOVE."

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
Rumble
I DON'T THINK IT'S MAGIC!
WOW! THIS MUST BE MILADY SERIKA'S FAMOUS MAGIC!
CLATTER
CLATTER


AAAAAAAAH
POOF
clank

SERIKA, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE NOW!
NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
Ping Ping
Clasp
COME ON!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
.....
HE'S NOT YOUR BOYFRIEND, RIGHT? SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
JUST WAIT A MINUTE —
YOU GUYS.

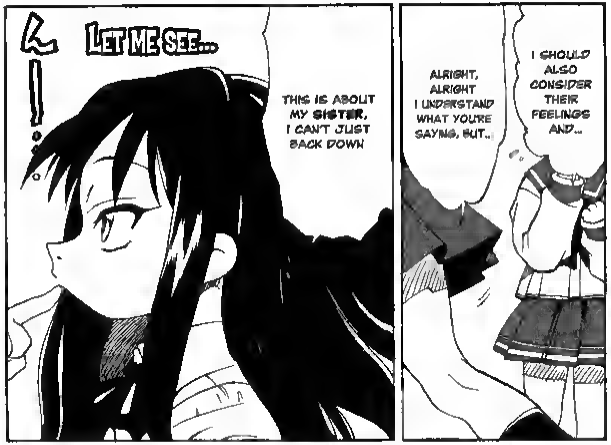
I, UH...
HIROYUKI-CHAN...

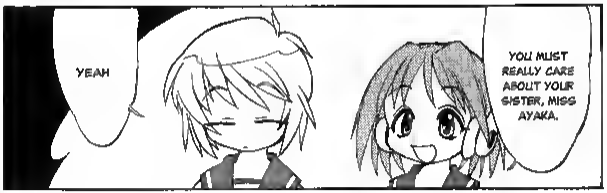
BAM
Whoosh
Swish
.....
Rumble
Rumble
Rumble
GRRRRRR...
UGH...
fwack!
fsshhhh

THP
THP
THP
Push
EXCUSE US... COMING THROUGH!
MOVE OUT OF THE WAY!
WHAT'S UP, HIROYUKI?
HUH?
Zoooom

THUD
EEEE

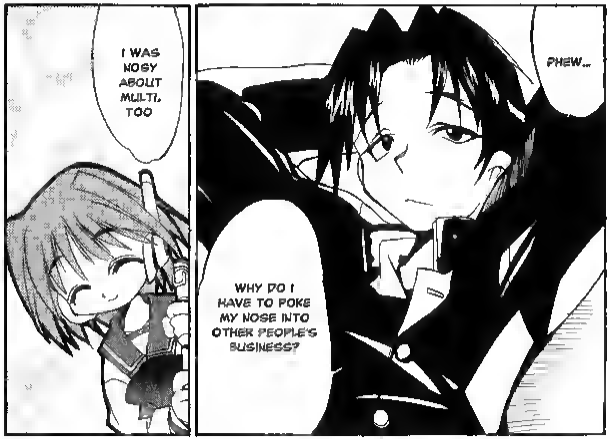
I KNEW IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
I SEE


LET ME SEE...
THIS IS ABOUT MY SISTER. I CAN'T JUST BACK DOWN
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT..
I SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THEIR FEELINGS AND...

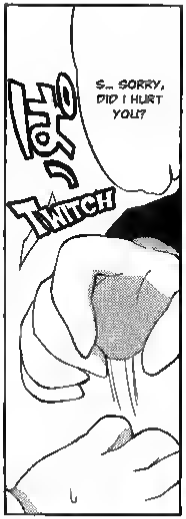

YEAH
YOU MUST REALLY CARE ABOUT YOUR SISTER, MISS AYAKA.

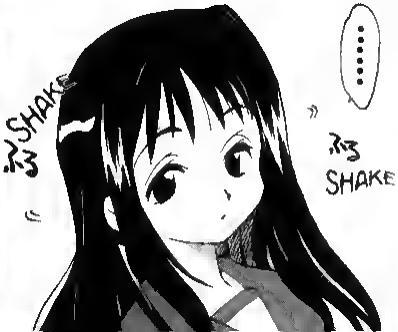
UM...
TO ME,
HIROYUKI-CHAN IS...

WHAAAAT?!
……
I GUESS IT WOULD BE BORING IF THINGS WENT TOO SMOOTHLY
SO, BASICALLY, YOU'RE TELLING ME TO BACK OFF, HUH?
LET'S SEE WHO THE PERFECT GIRL FOR HIROYUKI IS, MY SISTER OR YOU! IT'S A SHOWDOWN!
PREPARE YOURSELF, AKARI KAMIGISHI!
WE SHOULD BE FINE HERE


I WAS NOSY ABOUT MULTI, TOO
WHY DO I HAVE TO POKE MY NOSE INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS?
PHEW...

I GUESS THAT'S JUST HOW I AM.
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT...

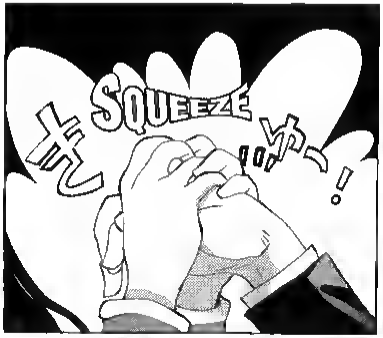

S... SORRY, DID I HURT YOU?
TWITCH


SHAKE
SHAKE

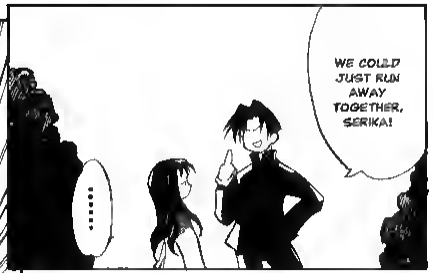
……

REALLY?

BUT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET THAT GUY TODAY, RIGHT?
OK


SQUEEZE
HEY SERIKA, AM I JUST BEING A BIG BROTHER TO YOU?

WHAT?
"NOT AT ALL AND I'M HAPPY?"


WE COULD JUST RUN AWAY TOGETHER, SERIKA!
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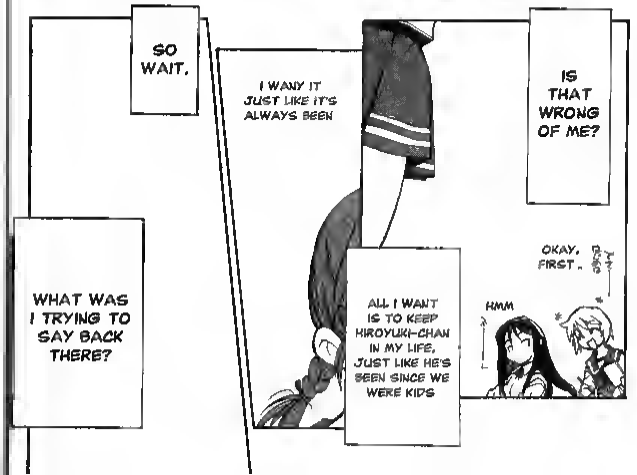
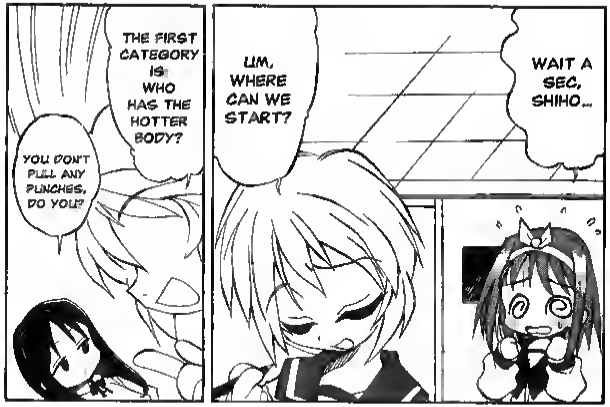
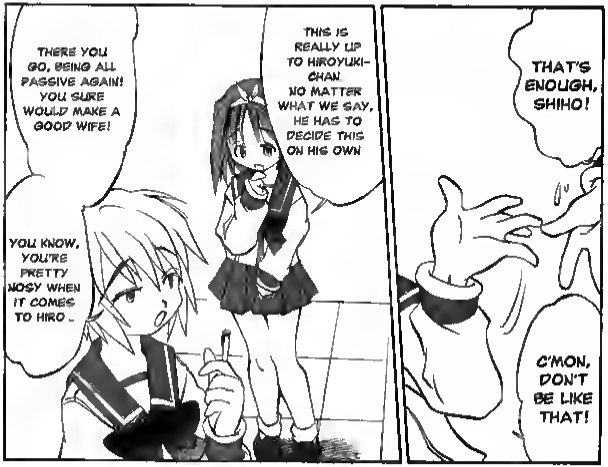
LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME FOR "SERIKA VS AKARI THE COMPARISON"!

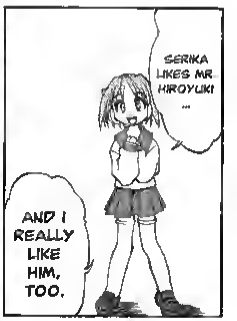
AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN HIS GIRLFRIEND!
!
Twitch


SO WAIT.
I WANT IT JUST LIKE IT'S ALWAYS BEEN
IS THAT WRONG OF ME?
WHAT WAS I TRYING TO SAY BACK THERE?
ALL I WANT IS TO KEEP HIROYUKI-CHAN IN MY LIFE, JUST LIKE HE'S BEEN SINCE WE WERE KIDS
OKAY, FIRST -
HMM

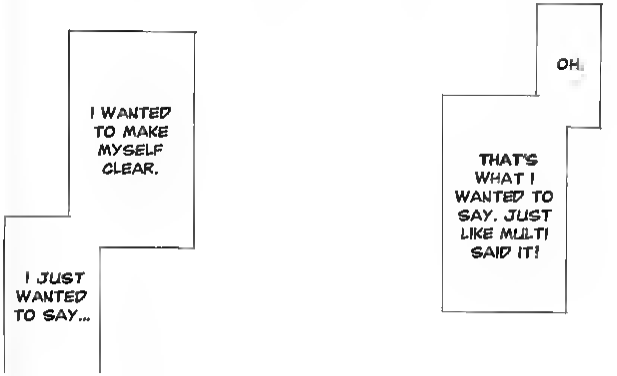

THE FIRST CATEGORY IS WHO HAS THE HOTTER BODY?
YOU DON'T PULL ANY PUNCHES, DO YOU?
UM, WHERE CAN WE START?
WAIT A SEC, SHIHO...


THERE YOU GO, BEING ALL PASSIVE AGAIN! YOU SURE WOULD MAKE A GOOD WIFE!
THIS IS REALLY UP TO HIROYUKI-CHAN. NO MATTER WHAT WE SAY, HE HAS TO DECIDE THIS ON HIS OWN
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE PRETTY MOSY WHEN IT COMES TO HIRO.
THAT'S ENOUGH, SHIHO!
C'MON, DON'T BE LIKE THAT!

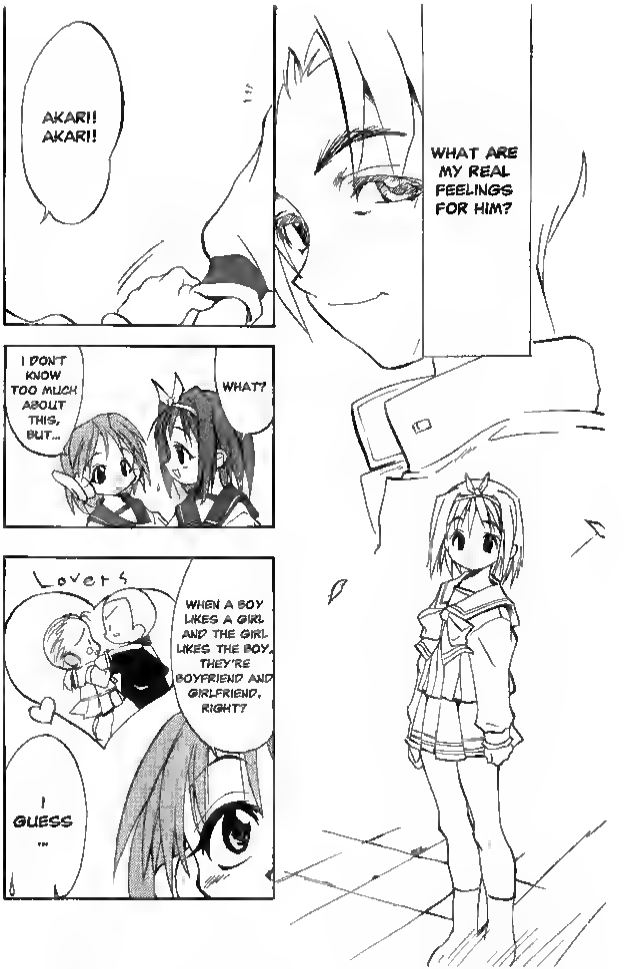
BUT YOU LIKE HIM A LOT TOO, RIGHT?


SERIKA LIKES MR. HIROYUKI ...
AND I REALLY LIKE HIM, TOO.

.....
DOES THAT MEAN WE CAN ALL BE HIS GIRLFRIEND?


I WANTED TO MAKE MYSELF CLEAR.
I JUST WANTED TO SAY...
OH.
THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SAY. JUST LIKE MULTI SAID IT!

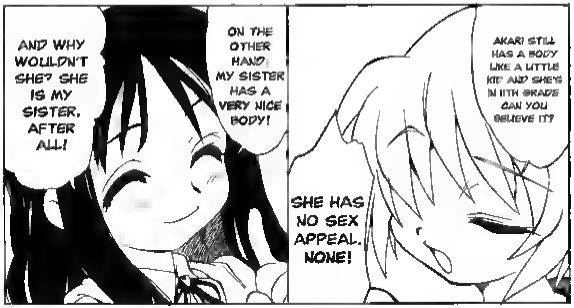
AKARI! AKARI!


WHAT ARE MY REAL FEELINGS FOR HIM?

I DON'T KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT THIS, BUT...
WHAT?

Lovers
WHEN A BOY LIKES A GIRL AND THE GIRL LIKES THE BOY, THEY'RE BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
I GUESS ...

浩之ちゃんが
I LOVE
HIROYUKI-CHAN!
SHIHO AND AYAKA,
I...


AKARI STILL HAS A BODY LIKE A LITTLE KID! AND SHE'S IN 11TH GRADE! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
ON THE OTHER HAND, MY SISTER HAS A VERY NICE BODY!
AND WHY WOULDN'T SHE? SHE IS MY SISTER, AFTER ALL!
SHE HAS NO SEX APPEAL. NONE!

AND THE WINNER OF THE FIRST CATEGORY IS TEAM SERIKA!
THAT WAS A NICE START!
THEY'RE NOT LISTENING TO ME AT ALL...
pop
pop
pop
BAM
AKARI
SERIKA

BONK
WAH!!
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
WHO ARE YOU?
OUCH
いたた...

SWISH
A SCARY-LOOKING OLD MAN...
FWO...DOM
IT'S...
SEBASTIAN!
GRRRRRRRRR

HA HA HA...
MASASHI!!

SORRY ABOUT THAT. ARE YOU OK?
twitch
twitch

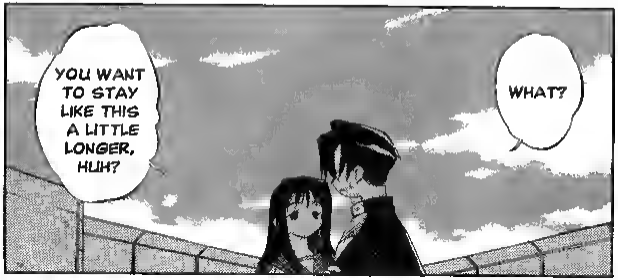
DON'T TELL ME SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIROYUKI-CHAN AND SERIKA?!
WHAT'S GOING ON, MASASHI?

I SAW THEM RUNNING LIKE MAD...
AND THEN...

Shake
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, WILL YA?!
Shake
Shake

RRUMBLE
Milady...
Mi...
BWEHH!
THE BUTLER WHO'S SERVED OUR FAMILY FOR THE LAST FIFTY YEARS...
WHO'S THAT?
HEY, HE'S CALLING YOU
HM...
FGAAAAAAAAAA!
RRuhg—!
YAAAAAUGH!
EXCUSE ME.
WHAT HAPPENED TO SERIKA AND MR HIROYUKI?
Twitch
PA-KOW!

HE'S BEEN A WEIRDO EVER SINCE I'VE KNOWN HIM.
AYAKA! WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
I THINK SHE RAN AWAY WITH HIROYUKI.
SO WHAT HAPPENED TO SERIKA THEN?
HE GETS REALLY STUBBORN WHEN IT COMES TO MY SISTER
GAAAAH!
.....
.....
JUST LIKE MY FATHER. HE ALWAYS WANTED HER TO MARRY AN ARRANGED HUSBAND


YOU WANT TO STAY LIKE THIS A LITTLE LONGER, HUH?
WHAT?

OKAY.
.....
.....
IF YOU SAY SO.

LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT.
WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?
LET'S GO FIND THEM!
OKAY.

.....
SERIKA?

GRRRRRRRR
"I DON'T KNOW?!" GIVE ME A BREAK!
HOW THE HECK IS HE GONNA GET BACK TO NORMAL?
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
WHAT? "HE'S POSSESSED BY THAT DEMON?!"
?!
ROAR!
OKAY, I'LL HANDLE THINGS HERE, AND YOU CAN...
THUD
Yinch
WAAAH!
TSUWACK

THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
HUH?
GRRRRR
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON WITH THIS OLD MAN?!
GYAAAAAAH
KAAAAAAAAH!
WHAM!
UWAAAAAAH!

HIROYUKI-CHAN...
Twitch
DID YOU THINK I'D JUST STAND BACK AND LET IT HAPPEN?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, AKARI?
Heh heh
I GUESS YOU DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.
Crack
WHAT ABOUT THE MEETING WITH THE ARRANGED HUSBAND?

HIROYUKI-CHAN!
Phew
LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT.
YOU'VE TOTALLY INFLUENCED SEBASTIAN WITH YOUR "OCCULT THIS" AND "OCCULT THAT" TALK!
YOU KNOW HOW DEVOTED HE CAN BE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, MORON
SHE WAS IN A REAL BIND, ALRIGHT?
Conk
AIN'T THAT RIGHT?
YOU GO, HIRO! "RUNAWAY LOVERS," HUH?
Nudge
Nudge

I KNOW IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS THOUGH, SO I'M SORRY.
HER TRUE FEELINGS.
PAY MORE ATTENTION TO HER FEELINGS.
I REGRET THAT WE WON'T MAKE IT TO THE MEETING IN TIME.
I COMPLETELY FORGOT THAT MY LIMO IS HAVING PROBLEMS
HOWEVER...
SEBASTIAN!
I HAVE ORDERS FROM MY MASTER. I MUST TAKE HER WITH ME!
I WILL EXPLAIN TO YOUR FATHER.
IT'S ALL MY FAULT.

HEY, SEBASTIAN, HAVE YOU GOTTEN OVER IT ALREADY?
SHE'S RIGHT CAN'T YOU SEE SERIKA ISN'T HAPPY ABOUT THIS AT ALL?
HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF THE FREEDOM TO LOVE?
!!
Thud

UH
SEBASTIAN.
IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO SAY THIS,
IF YOU TRULY CARE ABOUT HER,
BUT YOU'VE WATCHED OVER SERIKA EVER SINCE SHE WAS BORN, RIGHT?
YOU SHOULD
UM.

YOU REALLY HAD ME WORRIED.
JEEZ...
.....

THEY'RE COMPLETE OPPOSITES
I KNOW
WELL, NOT THAT I DID TOO MUCH ABOUT IT, THOUGH
.....

Swish

YOU'VE GOTTA GET IT TOGETHER, OK?

I'M SO ASHAMED. ALL I EVER WANTED WAS MILADY SERIKA'S HAPPINESS.
IT SEEMS LIKE I'D FORGOTTEN THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.

.....
Rub
Rub

HUH?
PHEW. WELL, LOOKS LIKE THE CASE IS CLOSED AND EVERYONE'S HAPPY.

WHAT?! MISS SERIKA'S YOUNGER SISTER?

HIROYUKI-CHAN!
WHO'RE YOU?
Stare

I WISH I HAD ONE.
ISN'T IT NICE TO HAVE A SISTER?

AND SHE'D LOVE TO TRY SOME OF YOUR HOME COOKING.
!
Ba-dump
OH, BY THE WAY, MISS SERIKA TOLD ME THAT SHE SEES YOU AS A LITTLE SISTER OR SOMETHING

SERIKA!
I MISSED THE CHANCE TO EXPRESS MY TRUE FEELINGS TODAY..
BUT FOR SOME REASON...

HEY, HEY...
C'MON, YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME
.....
Snap
HEH HEH HEH
THERE'S A TOUCHING SCENE.

Serika Kurusugawa

来栖川芹香

SERIKA

SHE'S A MYSTERIOUS AND BIG SISTER-LIKE FIGURE FOR EVERYBODY. HIROYUKI AND THE OTHERS KNOW THAT SHE CAN BE VERY CLUMSY WHEN IT COMES TO EXPRESSING HERSELF.

I CAN TRADE WITH YOU!
WHAT ?!
THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH GOOD FRIENDS WITH ME FOR SO LONG!
DON'T BE SILLY! DO YOU THINK WE'LL LET YOU DO THAT?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO
HEH HEH. IT LOOKS LIKE YOU GUYS PASSED THE TEST.
I ONLY DID IT TO TEST YOUR [redacted] NOW THE LEGENDARY BOOK IS IN THE HERO'S HANDS
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU HAD A DREAM LIKE THAT?
NOD
NOD

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PHEW! WE'RE FINALLY HERE.
NOW WE CAN GET OUR HANDS ON THAT LEGENDARY BOOK!
I'M NOT JUST GOING TO HAND IT TO YOU FOR FREE BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT IT...
BUT YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE BOOK ISN'T CHEAP
SORRY.

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